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June 27, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-eight Thousand and Seventy-five $\frac{61}{100}$ Dollars ($78,075.61) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Sixty $\frac{86}{100}$ Dollars ($160.86) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-eight Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-six $\frac{47}{100}$ Dollars ($78,236.47) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 74 dated June 22, 1895 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 74, dated June 22, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 74, dated June 18, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $78,422.78; charges $186.31, and net value $78,236.47. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director of Mint.

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June 27, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of June 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quar. Dollars	Del. 27	.50
Total		$ .50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant, you are informed that if in your judgment, it is necessary to draw upon the appropriation for the "Storage of Silver Bullion", to the extent of $1500. for the month of July, I will approve your request for that amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 26th instant, authority is hereby granted you to purchase a

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new Type writer for the use of your mint at a price not exceeding that mentioned in your letter.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Typewriter ribbons can hereafter be obtained on requisition, from the Stationery division of the Department, at prices far below any that can be obtained in your city.

June 27, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following awards for supplies for the use of your mint during the fiscal year 1896, submitted in your letter of the 14th instant, are hereby approved:

Acid, Nitric C.P.	.15	per lb
" " 38 Baume	.03 1/2	" "
" Sulphuric C.P.	.15	" "
" " 63	.80	" 100 lbs.
" " 66	$1.00	" " "
" Muriatic	.20	" lb
Alcohol 95	2.55	" gal
Ammonia muriate of	.12	" lb
" con. solution	.17	" "
Benzine	.22	" gal
Bees-Wax pure yellow	.30	" lb
Blankets	.67 1/2 to 97 1/2	per yd.
Bone ash pure	.03 1/2	per lb.
Borax	.06	" "
Brimstone (roll)	.02 1/2	" "
Brooms Floor parlor	2.45	" dozen
" Whick	1.95	" "

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Brushes scrub #6	$1.75	per dozen
" Nail #40 (Clinton)	5.20	" "
" Shaving #98	2.75	" "
" Whiting duet #3	4.25	" "
" Floor, Hair, Whiting #8	10.95	" "
" Hand #40	.47	each
" Window #1	.50	"
Chamois skins #4	7.50	per dozen
" " #2	4.50	" "
Charcoal, 2000 lbs. to the ton	12.98	" ton
Coal, Cumberland	8.24	" "
" West Hartley	6.91 per ton, 2000 lbs. to ton	
" English Cannal	6.70 " " " " " "	
Coke San Francisco	7.80 " "	
" English	7.99 " "	
Corrosive sublimate	.67	per lb.
Cotton waste	.077	" "
Crucibles B.L. Taylors #4	.23	each
" " " " #5	.25	"
" " " " #6	.29	"
" " " " #8	.34	"
" " " " #10	.38	"
" " " " #12	.44	"
" " " " #14 to 45,	3.15 per 100 nos.	
" " " " #50	3.10 " " "	
" " " " #60 to #150,	3.15 " " "	
" covers Taylors #4 & upwards	.72	" " "
" " " #12	1.00	" " "
" " " #10	1.00	" " "
" " " #8	1.00	" " "
" " " #6	1.25	" " "
" " " #5	1.25	" " "
" " " #4	1.25	" " "
" dippers " medium	4.50	per dozen
" " " large	5.25	" "

Crucibles stirrers Taylors	$4.75	per dozen
" French clay	3.50	" "
" Muffles (mint)	8.00	" "
" Mattresses	2.25	" "
Dusters turkey feather #16	2.75	" "
" ostrich " #5	1.54	each

Dry Goods:

Crash toweling	.06 7/8 to .12 1/4	per yd.
" Russia	.06 1/5	" "
Duck Arctic 10 oz. cotton	.10 1/4	" "
" Stark 7 oz "	.08	" "
" Woodbury #10	.12 1/2	" "
Drilling brown, pepperil	.05 3/4	" "
Muslin Ashland	.03 1/4	" "
Pegot brown 10/4	.17 1/2	" "
" " 8/4	.13 1/2	" "
Indian head brown 4/4	.06	" "
File cards	2.75	per dozen.

Gloves:

Buckskin #86 XXXX	12.25	per dozen.
" #963	13.75	" "
" #19	13.50	" "
" #20	14.00	" "
" #10	10.50	" "
Dogskin #267	12.50	" "
Gauntlets Buckskin #15	10.25	" "
" Rubber	18.50	" "
Iron castings various	.03 1/2	per lb.
Litharge	.06	" "
Matches	.90	" gross
Mops 12 lbs. cotton	1.50	" dozen.
" 9 " thread	1.75	" "
" handles Taylors	.90	" "
" " combination mop & brush	.95	" "
Nitre, double refined	.06 3/4	" lb.

Oils:

Lard (in barrels)	$ .67 1/2	per gal
" (in cases)	.72 1/2	" "
Castor	1.05	" "
Sperm	.82	" "
Coal 110°	.17	" "
" 150°	.19	" "
Pails incurated fibre	3.75	per dozen
" galvanized hoop cedar	2.40	" "
Paints, Black asphaltum varnish	.43	" gal.
" White lead in oil	.05 3/4	" lb.
Potash Babbits	3.40	" case
Quicksilver	45.00	" flask
Rosin	.01 1/2	" lb.
Salt	6.00	" tow
Soap castile white imported	.07 3/4	" lb.
" common brown	.03	" "
" Toilet country club	.75	" dozen
" " Henrietta	.40	" "
Sponges, sheepswool, large	1.85	" lb.
Squilgees - rubber	.60	each
Turpentine	.45	per gal.
Twine 48 B. C.	.17	" lb.
Tallow refined	.06 1/2	" "
Wood - Redwood 4X4	5.15	" cord
" Split	5.15	" "
" Oak	6.25	" "
" Kindling	.15	" pack.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Andrew Mason Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to obtain and telegraph me tomorrow, the London price of silver and the actual rates for sterling exchange.

Telegraph, collect.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 24th instant, forwarding bids for supplies for the use of your Mint during the coming fiscal year, and recommending approval of same, I have to request that you will furnish me with your reasons for favoring the approval of the bid for Coal of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., instead of the Canon City Coal Co's bid at 30¢ per ton less.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 27, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The enclosed copy of the opinion of the

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Comptroller of the Treasury in the matter of paying for newspapers, and subscriptions thereto, from the appropriation for contingent expenses of the Mints and assay offices is herewith furnished for your information and guidance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

W. E. Andrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

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Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Missouri.

June 27, 1895.

Ben Lee Allen, Esq.,
Athens, Alabama.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, I have to reply to your inquiries as follows, and in doing so find it necessary to repeat your questions, with my answers appended:

1st. How much probable amount uncoined gold bullion in the United States Treasury?

June 26th. $57,007,710.

2nd. How much of said bullion not in Treasury? that is in banks and private hands?

~~How~~ Have no knowledge, but there is only a small amount.

3rd. How much United States coined gold in Treasury?

June 26th. $98,852,425.

4th. How much United States coined gold in Banks & Country?

In National Banks, June 1st 1895, $123,258,432; in other banks and in general circulation $360,811,998.

5th. How much silver bullion (and what is silver bullion, size, weight, shape etc.) now in the United States Treasury?

The Treasury held June 1st, 137,648,896 ounces of fine silver, the cost of which was $124,085,396; silver bars differ in size, shape and weight.

6th. How much in Banks and in Country?

I have no definite knowledge but there is probably from 500,000 to 750,000 ounces of fine

over

silver held in the United States outside of that owned by the Treasury.

7th. How much United States coined silver in the United States Treasury?

June 26th, silver dollars 371,111,017; subsidiary silver $16,657,179.

8th. How much United States silver coin in Banks and Country?

Silver dollars $52,166,202; subsidiary silver coin $59,786,487.

9th. How much silver is now being coined, per month at mints, and is it in dollars, halves, quarters or dimes? if in all what law of proportion obtains in minting it?

No silver dollars are now being coined, the coinage being limited to halves, quarters and dimes, which are made principally from uncurrent coin transferred from the Treasury to the Mints for recoinage under authority of Congress.

Since January first, there has been coined 850,470 silver dollars from bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890. The Act of November first 1893, repealed only the purchasing clause of the former, but did not prohibit the coinage of the bullion on hand, which the Secretary is authorized to have done to such an extent as may be necessary to redeem the Treasury Notes issued in payment for such bullion.

10th. What size gold coins are now being coined?

Twenties, Tens and Fives.

11th. Are there any $50 gold coins in the Mints or Treasury and how could I obtain one?

No gold coins of the denomination of $50. were ever coined by the Mints of the United States, but prior to the opening of the Mint at San Francisco disc of the value of $50 were

issued by private parties, which upon assay have been proven to be of that value.

12th. What is one piece smallest gold bullion worth and how could I obtain it?

Mints issue no gold bars under five ounces and you could not obtain, except from private parties, a piece of gold of the value of one dollar.

13th. What is one dollar piece of silver bullion worth and how obtainable?

The value of the silver in the silver dollar at the present price is fifty-two cents, and a piece of silver of this value could only be obtained from some private party.

14th. If a United States Treasury Note of $5.00 or $10,000 is lost by fire or sea does not the Government become the gainer thereby or is it re-issuable to loser?

The Government would be the gainer as all notes are considered as outstanding until they are redeemed and are only redeemed upon presentation of the note.

15th. If a National Bank Note is similarly lost who is the gainer?

In the absence of the presentation of a note for redemption it is always regarded as outstanding and the amount would be retained by the Treasury for the redemption of the National Bank Note.

16th. Are any issues of U. S. Treasury Notes now fundable in United States Banks?

This question is answered in the negative.

17th. What are silver certificates I see daily quoted in Bond & Stock quotations; are they issued by the United States or by Trusts or Silver syndicates?

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& Stock quotations daily, are those issued by the Mercantile Trust Co., of New York, upon the deposit of silver bullion with that Institution, each certificate representing one thousand ounces.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1895.

Miss M. E. Mann,
c/o D. Appleton & Co.,
No. 437, 7th St. N. W., City.

Madam:-

Enclosed herewith please find check of Thomas G. Hobbs, Disbursing Clerk, for six dollars ($6.00) in payment of the annual Cyclopaedia for 1894, furnished this office.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith, find a silver dollar which has apparently been fraudulently abraded.

I will thank you to return me the bullion value of the same, and also your opinion as to the manner in which this coin has been reduced in weight.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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June 28, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Messrs A. A. Hasson and F. W. Braddock, of this Bureau will be in Philadelphia on Monday morning to commence weighing and counting the coin and bullion in the possession of the Melter & Refiner and the Superintendent.

As yet, I have not definitely decided as to a settlement of the Coiner's accounts.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Messrs F. P. Gross and W. F. Bowen, will be in New York Monday to superintend the annual settlement at your institution, and to weigh and count the coin and bullion on hand, at the close of business on the 29th instant.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1895.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Make no formal contracts for supplies

at present. See Opinion of Comptroller with my letter of yesterday.

R. E. Preston,
Director.

Telegrams Confirmed.

Similar telegram to:
Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

June 28, 1895.

W. R. Butler, Esq.,
Clarendon, Texas.

Sir:—

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, I enclose herewith a statement which will show you the coinage from 1792 to 1894, inclusive. The Treasury now holds 137,648,898 ounces, of silver, purchased under the Act of July 14th 1890, which can be converted into silver dollars to such extent as the Secretary of the Treasury at his discretion deems necessary, for the purpose of redeeming Treasury Notes issued in payment for such bullion.

Subsidiary silver is also being coined from worn and uncurrent silver coin, transferred from the Treasury.

From the first of January to the first of June 1895, there were coined by the Mints of the United States 850,470 silver dollars from the bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890.

The Act of November 1st. 1893, repealed only the purchasing clause of the Act of July 14th. 1890, but did not suspend or prohibit the coinage of such bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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D. Creighton, Esq.,
Assistant Receiver General's Office,
Toronto, Canada.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 24th instant, I have this day mailed you the report of the Director of the Mint on the production of precious metals 1893. The report for 1894 is not yet published, so soon as ready for distribution, a copy will be sent you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1895.

John C. Henderson, Esq.,
No. 213 North Idaho Street,
Butte, Montana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, you are respectfully informed, that the World's product of silver for the calendar year 1894, estimated from the best information obtainable, aggregated 165,918,338 fine ounces.

The production by countries is shown in statement enclosed herewith. The product of silver by the Mines of Colorado and Montana for 1894, was as follows;—

	fine ounces.
Colorado	23,281,399
Montana	12,820,081

Enclosed you will also find circular giving the least current weight at which United States gold coin will be received by the Treasury. In regard to silver coins,

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you are informed that so long as there is no evidence of fraudulent abrasion, they will be received and redeemed by the Treasury.

The last appropriation for the loss on worn silver coins, is contained in the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill, approved March third, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1895.

G. Kluepfel, Esq.,
Director of the Royal Mint,
Stuttgart, Germany.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 17th instant, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint on the production of precious metals 1893, is mailed you this day.

Your name has been placed on the mailing list of this Bureau, and so soon as the report for 1894 is issued a copy will be forwarded to your address.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1895.

The Scovill Manufacturing Co.,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a letter from A. T. Britton, Acting Chairman, World's Columbian Exposition, requesting that a correction be made in the christian name of Marianne Nigg of Konnenburg,

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Austria, an exhibitor who received award in group 150, class 854, Department of Liberal Arts from Marienne to Marianne.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1895.

Georg Bahr, Esq.,
Puerto Cortes,
San Pedro Sula, Honduras, C. A.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant has been received, and in reply you are respectfully informed that it is expected that the medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery about the latter part of August, 1895.

Your letter has been referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, for reply as to the time of the delivery of the diplomas.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:

The S. T. Smith Company,
No. 10 Park Place,
New York, N. Y.

June 28, 1895.

James C. Scott, Esq.,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Sir:

In reply to so much of your letter of the 21st instant to the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics as relates to the coinage of silver,

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you are respectfully informed that from January 1st, to June 1st, 1895, there were coined 850,470 silver dollars, from bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890. The coinage of this bullion is entirely discretionary with the Secretary of the Treasury, he being authorized by the terms of the Act to coin, from July 1st, 1891, so much as may be necessary to redeem Treasury Notes issued in payment of the bullion purchased under that Act. (See copy of Act enclosed herewith.)

There has also been coined since the first of January, $1,823,569.75 in subsidiary silver coin. No specific orders were issued by either the President or the Secretary of the Treasury for this coinage. So much of your letter as relates to the Income Tax, has been referred to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, for reply.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of June 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	,	Del. 28	, 2.00
2 Half "	,	" 29	, 1.00
Total	,		, $3.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement, a bill of the Revenue Cutter Service, Treasury Department, for one national ensign, shipped you on the 11th of May 1895, amounting to $8.40, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 29, 1895.

G. C. F. Blanchard, Esq.,
Ballinger, Texas.

Sir:

I have to reply to the inquiries contained in your letter of the 25th instant, as follows:-

1st. Is the Government at present coining silver coins? If so of what denominations?

Silver is now being coined by the Mints of the United States; from January first to June first, there were coined 850,470 silver dollars and $1,823,569.75 in subsidiary silver. The silver dollars were coined from bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890. The Act of November 1st. 1893, repealed only the purchasing clause of the Act of July 14th, 1890, but did not prohibit the coinage of the bullion into silver dollars.

The subsidiary silver coinage was made from bullion resulting from the melting of worn and uncurrent silver coins transferred from the Treasury to the Mint for coinage.

Questions 2 and 3 are answered above.

4th. What is the market value of the silver in a dollar; also the market-value of the gold in a five dollar gold piece?

The present market value of the bullion (371¼ grains) contained in the silver dollar, is fifty-two cents. The market value of a full weight five dollar gold piece is $5.00.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1895.

Mr. F. W. Braddock,
Mint Bureau,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to report to Mr. M. F. Cobb, Register of Deposits at the Mint at Philadelphia, on the morning of the first proximo, to assist, and perform such duties as he may assign you in connection with the Annual Settlement at that Institution.

While engaged in this service, your necessary traveling and other expenses will be paid, upon your rendering an account, accompanied by proper vouchers.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:

over.

Mr. A. A. Hassan,
Mint Bureau,
Treasury Department.

June 29, 1895.

Mr. H. Cobb, Esq.,
Register of Deposits, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:-

I have to request that in behalf of this Bureau, you will superintend the deliveries in the settlement between the Melter and Refiner and the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, at the close of the current fiscal year.

You will note the character and quantity of the various classes of bullion delivered, and ascertain the amount of precious metals wasted by the Melter and Refiner during the year. If the wastage should be unusual or excessive, you will ascertain, as far as practicable, the cause thereof. You will weigh the coin and bullion in the possession of the Superintendent, except such silver bullion as is now stored away in the vaults under the joint seal of a representative of this Bureau and the Superintendent of the Mint. The bullion under seal will not be disturbed for the present, and you will report on hand the amount called for by the certificate under each seal, on the doors of the vaults where the bullion is stored.

You will, at the conclusion of the settlement, submit a report of the results of the same.

Messrs. A. A. Hassan and F. W. Braddock, of this Bureau, have been directed to

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report to you, to perform such duties in connection with the settlement, as may be assigned them by you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1895.

F. P. Gross, Esq.,
Mint Bureau,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to New York, for the purpose of being present at the deliveries in the settlement between the Melter & Refiner and the Superintendent of the Assay Office in that City, at the close of the current fiscal year.

You will note the character and quantity of the various classes of bullion delivered, and ascertain the amount of precious metals wasted by the Melter and Refiner, during the year. If the wastage should be unusual or excessive, you will ascertain, as far as practicable the causes thereof. You will weigh and count the coin and bullion in the possession of the Superintendent, and ascertain whether the balance is the amount called for by the books.

You will render a report on or before your return, giving the results of your examination.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and other expenses will be paid, upon your rendering an account for the same, accompanied by proper vouchers.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. F. Bowen, Esq.,
Mint Bureau,
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to New York to assist Mr. F. P. Gross, of this Bureau in weighing and counting the bullion and coin on hand at the Assay Office in that City, during the Annual Settlement.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and other expenses will be paid, upon your rendering an account accompanied by proper vouchers, for the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1895.

Hon. John H. Mitchell,
U. S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th instant, requesting that a copy of the last annual report of this Bureau be forwarded to W. J. Peddicord, Moro, Sherman Co., Oregon, I have to inform you that the edition of this report is exhausted, and hence I cannot comply with your request.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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June 29, 1895.

Ferdinand Reganey, Esq.,
Lausanne, Switzerland.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant, stating that you held silver bars to the amount of about 149 kilograms, and inquiring at what price the mint of the United States would coin these bars into trade dollars, has been received.

In reply I have to state that the Government of the United States has for many years ceased to coin any trade dollars on private, or on government account, and has called in, and exchanged the trade dollars which has been issued by it.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1895.

Messrs. B. Westermann & Co.,
No. 812 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find check for $5.57 in payment of your bills for periodicals to date. I will thank you to acknowledge receipt at your convenience.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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July 1, 1895.

Hon. Scott Wike,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry as to the commercial value of the silver dollar at various times indicated, I have to say,- from the records and information in this Bureau, that, for the year 1795,- the year in which gold was first coined at our Mints,- the average commercial value of the amount of silver bullion in the dollar, under the legal ratio of 15 to 1, was $0.9646; and for the year 1834 it was $0.9536; and that the average value between these two dates was $0.9591; and at no time during that period was the silver dollar up to the par value of gold.

From 1836 to 1873, both years inclusive, under the ratio of 16 to 1 the lowest price reached was in 1843 when the bullion in the dollar was worth $1.0036, and the highest price, it attained was in 1859 when it reached $1.0525. At no time between these periods was the commercial value of the silver in the dollar down to par.

The prices given above are those of the average value for the respective years indicated. The average value for February, 1873, was $1.0146.

The average value of the bullion in a silver dollar during the month of June 1834, under the ratio of 16 to 1 was $1.0795.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, what appears to be a copy of an Indian Peace Medal, issued during President Jefferson's term.

I will thank you to submit it to the Engraver and Curator of the Cabinet of the Mint, for an expression of their opinion as to its genuineness.

I was not aware that medals were ever issued from the Mint except in solid form.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to our conversation on my visit to the Mint some days since, in reference to the old letters and records, what I desire to have done by Miss Ely is, that she will make an index of the letters by years, first giving the date, name and the subject. This could be done on loose sheets in pencil, and submitted to me, when I could check the letters of which I would like a copy for this office.

As to the details of this work, I place the same in your hands.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1895.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Telegraph your coinage for June.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Telegrams Confirmed.

July 1, 1895.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, California.

It is advisable that your mint should resume coinage operations as soon as possible. Communicate this to Van Senden.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

July 1, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt., U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your itemized statement for the sale of By-products, during the Quarter ended June 30th, 1895, is herewith returned for correction.

The last item seems to be incorrect.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt., U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th ultimo, communicating

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the result of your examination into the shortage in the Melter & Refiner's Department of the Mint at San Francisco, California, has been received, and I thank you for the exhaustive report you have made.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1895.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 24th, ultimo, stating that no transfer of your shipment No. 28 had been received by you, it is found upon examination, that the transfer of this shipment was requested by this Bureau on the 6th ultimo, and that the letter of request was lost between the office of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the United States. I have this day made duplicate request.

Regretting the delay, I am,

Yours respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1895.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am advised by the Treasurer of the United States that transfer orders will be issued to-day, for the transportation of uncurrent silver coin to your Mint, for

recoinage, from the following Sub-Treasury offices:-

St. Louis — — — $150,000
Cincinnati — — 150,000
New Orleans — — 65,000,

which will be followed by additional sums in a few days.

It is desirable that you should cause this uncurrent coin to be recoined into halves and quarters in equal proportions as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1895.

Herman Krelz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:-

C. D. No. 8817 for $65,000.00 being on account of Profits on Minor Coinage, inclosed in your communication of the 29th ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted to same address:
C. D. No. 8822 for $110.00 + Sale of Old Material, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 29th ult. + + No personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

over.

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C. D. No. 8823 for $4,775.58 + Charges for Ecuador silver coinage + 29th. ult. + + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 8824 for $12.00 + Special Assays, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 29th ult. + + No personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 8825 for $216.18 + Alloy Charges Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, + 29th ult. + + personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 8826 for $7,291.45 + Parting & Refining Chgs. Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 29th ult. + + personal credit + bullion + to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining bullion.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

C. D. No. 216 for $5.13 + Alloy charges Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 29th ult. + + personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 217 for $285.50 + Parting and Refining charges, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, + 29th ult. + personal credit + bullion + to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining bullion.

C. D. No. 218 for $5.60 + Sale of old Material Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 29th ult. +

+ personal credit + bullion +
+ as a miscellaneous receipt.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

C. D. No. 301 for $937.00 + Special Assays Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 29th. ult + +
No personal credit + bullion + +
as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 302 for $1873.94 + Sale of By-Products, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, + 29th ult.
+ + No personal credit + bullion
+ as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 303 for $1031.07 + Alloy Charges Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + + 29th ult.
+ + personal credit + bullion
+ as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 304 for $20,150.71 + Parting & Refining Chgs. Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 29th ult.
+ + personal credit + bullion
+ to the credit of the appropriation for parting & refining bullion.

July 1, 1895.

French Tipton, Esq.,
Editor, "Climax",
Richmond, Kentucky.

Sir:

I have to reply to the inquiries contained in your letter of the 26th ultimo, as follows:-

1st. From January first to July first, 1895, there were coined by the Mints of the United

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States $23,261,440.00 in gold.

2nd. Gold Bullion, from which the gold coinage is made is deposited at the Mints by individuals, and is settled for by the Government at its full coining value, namely $20.67183 per ounce fine, or $18.60 per ounce standard. Copper is used for alloying both the gold and silver coins of the United States.

4th. All gold coins, when first issued from the Mints of the United States contain the face value in pure gold; the alloy is simply used to harden the metal, but forms no part of the value of the coin.

5th. If the price of silver should advance so that the commercial ratio between the two metals was as 1 to 16, the silver dollar (containing 371¼ grains of pure silver, the amount in the present silver dollar) would be worth one dollar in gold.

6th. The only silver bought by the Government at present is that contained in gold deposits and mutilated silver coin, which amounts to about 200,000 ounces per annum, and is used in the coinage of subsidiary silver. (See Section 3526 Revised Statutes.)

From January first to July first there has been coined by the Mints of the United States 850,470 silver dollars, from bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th 1890.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1895.

Scovill Manufacturing Co.,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Sirs:-

Referring to your communication of the 29th

ultimo, I would say that the address of Marianne Nigg as given in the letter of June 26th, from the Acting Chairman, World's Columbian Exposition reads Kornenburg, Austria.

I am in receipt of a letter from A. J. Britton, dated the 29th ultimo, requesting that the name of Mrs. A. J. Hombel, an exhibitor in group 115, Department "H" (Manufactures) be corrected to read Mrs. A. J. Hambel, 5757 Dearborn Street, Chicago.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1895.

L. M. Wise, Esq.,
Durham, North Carolina.

Sir:

In reply to your postal of the 28th ultimo, you are informed that the subsidiary silver coins, halves, quarters and dimes, are a legal tender for all debts, public and private, not exceeding ten dollars ($10.00)

Silver dollars are full legal tender for all sums except when otherwise stipulated in the contract. (See copy of Act authorizing coinage, enclosed herewith.)

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the

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expenses of your institution during the Month of July 1895 has been approved for the sum of $39,000.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1896,	$ 5,000.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	25,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	5,000.
Parting & Refining bullion	1896,	2,500.
Storage of Silver Bullion (Act July 14, 1890)		1,500.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

\+ + + July 1895, +
\+ + $16,200.00 + + +

Salaries,	1896,	$ 4,900.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	3,500.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	800.
Parting and Refining bullion,	1896;	7,000.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver.

\+ + + July 1895, +
\+ + $4,600.00 + +

Salaries,	1896,	$ 1,400.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	2,700.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	500.

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J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th ultimo, transmitting statements showing the difference in weight and assay fineness of the San Francisco and Carson Mint on bullion shipped to the former by you, I have to state that samples of the bullion referred to were assayed by both Philadelphia Mint and the New York Assay Office, the result of which was practically to confirm the assays of your Mint, and transfers have been issued, the value being calculated on the average fineness as determined by the assays of the Philadelphia Mint and the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1895.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Have instructed Wilder to proceed with the settlement.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Telegrams Confirmed:

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J. F. Wilder,
Care of U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Proceed with the settlement.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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A. B. Arnold, Esq.,
Mineral Springs,
Palo Pinto Co., Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th ultimo, together with package of thirty six pounds of sand, has been referred to this Bureau by the Secretary of the Treasury, and in reply I would say that the sand upon assay is found to contain merely a trace of gold, and three-tenths of an ounce of silver to the ton.

The bag containing the sand is held subject to your order.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1895.

W. O. Bush, Esq.,
Olympia, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd. ultimo, you are respectfully informed that it is expected that the medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery about the latter part of August, 1895.

Your letter has been referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, for reply as to the time of the delivery of the diplomas.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, to:-

Messrs. Drevet & Poirier,
No. 429, Broome Street,
New York, N. Y.

over.

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T. Haesters, Esq.,
Anita Vineyard,
Wrights, California.

Messrs. Kemp & Burpee Manufacturing Co.,
Syracuse, New York.

July 2, 1895.

Miss Lulu Householder,
No. 204, N. 16th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss:-

Replying to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I would state that I have no reasons for believing that your services will be dispensed with by the Superintendent of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1895.

Billy Radcliffe, Esq.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo, you are informed that if you brought gold to the Mint, of standard fineness, that is containing nine parts of gold and one of copper, there would be no charge for alloy, and you would receive for every 23.22 grains of gold sent, one dollar.

You are allowed for your gold at this rate, also in case it should be necessary to furnish alloy for which you would be required to pay, at the

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rate of two cents per ounce, for the amount required.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1895.

W. A. Selkirk, Esq.,
Editor of "The Sun",
San Bernadino, Cal.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo, you are informed that during the month of March, April and May of the current fiscal year, there were coined 450,470 silver dollars.

During the same months for the year 1872, there were coined 127,500 silver dollars. All subsidiary coinage is made on Government account, and not for individuals.

From 1883 to 1894, all subsidiary silver coinage was from worn and uncurrent silver coin, transferred from the Treasury for recoinage. In 1894, and during the present year a small coinage of subsidiary silver was made from silver contained in gold deposits which is purchased, as provided by Section 3526 of the Revised Statutes. I forward you by to-day's mail, under separate cover, a copy of the Coinage Laws of the United States.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Application has been made through the Department of State by the Charge d'Affaires of Costa Rica, at this capital, the Engineer Don Carlos Yglesias, B. S. M. E. M., who has been specially commissioned by the Government of Costa Rica, be granted permission, and afforded all proper facilities to study and acquire a practical knowledge of coining and other operations as practised by the Philadelphia Mint. It has been decided to extend this courtesy to the Government of Costa Rica, and this will be handed to you by Mr. Yglesias, and I have to request that yourself and the operative officers will afford him all proper facilities for acquiring the knowledge desired.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8830 for $274.97 being on account of Sale of Old Material inclosed in your communication of the 2nd inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts,

and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

Please forward itemized statement of this amount that b/s may be endorsed and forwarded as above.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3818 for $336.16, being on account of Value of Sweep bar Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, ~~inclosed~~ in your communication of the 29th ult, has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 3819 for $771.53 + Melting Assaying + Stamping Chgs. Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, + 29 ult + personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 3820 for $0.10 + Sale of Old Material Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, + 29th ult. + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July 1895, has been approved for the sum of $15,200.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1896,	$3,700.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	9,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	2,500.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte,

+ + + July 1895 +
+ + $731.70 + + +

Salaries,	1896,	$231.70
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	500.00

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
St. Louis.

+ + + July 1895 +
+ + $452.70 + +

Salaries,	1896,	$252.70
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	200.00

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Hon. J. D. Cameron,
Harrisburg, Penna.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 26th ultimo, a copy of the last annual report of this Bureau has this day been mailed to George B. Markle, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1895.

R. C. Freeman, Esq.,
Goldsboro, N. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your postal of the 29th ultimo, you are informed that there is no mint at St. Louis, Missouri, the Government institution at that place is termed the U. S. Assay Office.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1895.

E. O. Leech,
National Union Bank,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

I received a few days since, "La Question Monetaire", which I intend to have translated, but will be unable to do so, for some time, as Mr. Lalor will be absent for three or four weeks, from Monday next.

When the translation is made, I will

take pleasure in sending you press copies.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1895.

Hon. B. F. Marsh,
Warsaw, Illinois.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 27th ultimo, a copy of the last annual report of this Bureau, is mailed you herewith. I regret that I cannot forward you two copies as requested but the edition of this report is so nearly exhausted that it is impossible.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1895.

Hon. Philip F. McCulloch,
Marianna, Arkansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th ultimo, requesting that two copies of the last annual report of the Director of the Mint be forwarded you, I have to advise you that the edition is so nearly exhausted that I am unable to furnish you with but one copy.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1895.

Senor Don Joaquin Bernado Calvo,
Charge d'Affaires ad interim,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter introducing Mr. Yglesias to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, directing that every facility be afforded him for obtaining the knowledge desired by your Government.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1895.

H. Clay Stier, Esq.,
Care of U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find check of T. J. Hobbs, Disbursing Clerk on Assistant Treasurer of United States at New York, in your favor for the sum of forty-eight dollars and fifty cents ($48.50.)

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna

Sir:-

Your recommendation of the 3rd. instant that the position of Private Secretary to the Superintendent, with compensation at the rate of five dollars

($5.00) per diem be abolished, and the appointment of a clerk to the Superintendent at a compensation of four dollars ($4.00) per diem, meets the approval of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

In answer to your communication of the 29th ultimo, relative to certificate of deposit #97 for $405.41 proceeds of sweeps sold (sale of old crucibles), you are instructed to enter the amount in your bullion accounts as follows:-

Debit "Coin account" and credit "P and L account" then debit your "P. and L account" and credit "Coin account."

These entries will give a record of the transaction in your bullion accounts, which is the proper disposition to be made of the item, without affecting your accounts. As the money was the proceeds of grains, sweeps, etc., sold, it cannot be covered into the Treasury as proceeds "Sale of Old Material."

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 563 for $498.45, being on account of Alloy Charges, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 29th ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted to same address:

C. D. No 564 for $5,635.51 + Parting and Refining Chgs. Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 29 ult. + + personal credit + bullion + to the credit of the appropriation for Parting + Refining bullion.

C. D. No. 565 for $413.24 + Sale of By products Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + + 29th ult. + + No personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 565 for $11.20 + Sale of old Material, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 29th ult. + + No personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

Similar letters except as noted to:

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

C. D. No. 91 for $702.82 + Melting

Assaying and Stamping Chgs. Dr. endg. June 30, 1895,
+ + 29th ult. + personal credit
+ bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 92 for $93.50 + Special Assays
Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 29th ult. +
+ No personal credit + bullion +
+ as a miscellaneous receipt.
Please forward itemized statement for this
Amount and in future let same accompany Certificate.

C. D. No. 95 for $279.19 + Value of
Sweep bar, D M. Room, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 +
+ 29th ult + + personal credit
+ bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 96 for $1645.76 + Gain on Charges
and bullion, Fiscal Year endg. June 30, 1895 +
+ 29th ult + + personal credit
+ bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 97 for $405.41 + Proceeds
Sale of sweeps (Sale of Old Crucibles) Dr. endg. June 30/95
+ 29th ult. + + personal credit
+ bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.
Similar letters except as noted, to:
Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

C. D. No. 1079 for $52.02 + Melting
Assaying and Stamping, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895
+ 2nd inst. + personal credit
+ bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 1080 for $31.18 + Value of grains

over.

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D. M. Rooms, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 2nd inst.
+ + personal credit + bullion
+ + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 1081 for $32.00 + Special Assays
Dr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 2nd inst + +
no personal credit + + bullion
+ + as a miscellaneous receipt.
Please forward itemized statement for this Amount and in future let same accompany certificate.

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Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, in reference to closing at twelve o'clock Saturdays, your attention is called to Section 18 page 35 of Instructions and Regulations, which is held to apply in this case.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1895.

Hon. Horace White,
New York Evening Post,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, you are respectfully informed that the commercial ratio of silver to gold, at the average price of silver for the calendar year, 1894,

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was as 1 to 32.56. At the present price of silver the ratio is as 1 to 30.73.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1895.

The Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at New Orleans to the Treasury of the United States of the sum of $18,363, payable as follows:-

In gold certificates	$ 180.00
In silver certificates	8,000.00
In Treasury Notes	10,183.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director of Mint.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from your Bullion Fund to the Treasury of the United States of $18,363., payable as follows:-

In gold Certificates	$ 180.00
In silver Certificates	8,000.00
In Treasury Notes	10,000.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letters of the 2nd and 5th instant, I would state that I did not approve and forward your requisition for an advance of $1,500. additional, from the appropriation for Parting and Refining, as I preferred to wait and know the official results of the Melter and Refiner's settlement, and I am glad to learn that it will not be necessary to make this advance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July 1895, has been approved for the sum of $2,400.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1896,	$ 700.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	1200,
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	500.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 6, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Telegram Confirmed.

Have submitted question of employment of temporary clerk for the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Charles E. Apgar, Esq.,
No. 346 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th ultimo, wherein you ask information as to the weight, in grains of gold and silver, in the monetary

units of the several countries, I would refer you to the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the year ended June 1894, a copy of which is sent you by today's mail.

You will find the information sought on pages 319-355 inclusive, of the Report.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Case Broderick,
Holton, Kansas.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 2nd instant, a copy of the last annual report of this Bureau has this day been mailed to Dr. R. S. Craft, Blue Rapids, Kansas.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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J. S. Cohen, Esq.,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, requesting that a copy of the last annual report of the Director of the Mint be sent to J. H. White, Editor of News and Farmer, Louisville, Jefferson Co., Ga., I have to inform you that your request has this day been complied with.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1895.

J. A. Dunn, Esq.,
Bethany, Missouri.

Sir:—

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, you are informed that the value of the gold in a twenty dollar gold piece, when first issued, is exactly twenty dollars.

The alloy is not reckoned as of any value, simply being placed in the gold to harden it, as it has been found that pure gold is too soft for monetary uses.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. William F. Grinnell,
U. S. Consul,
Manchester, England.

Sir:—

In compliance with your request of the 24th ultimo, I have this day mailed you two copies of the last annual report of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1895.

Mrs. L. Minard,
No. 374 Douglas Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Madam:—

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, you are respectfully informed, that there is no

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Mint in New York City. The Mints of the United States are located in Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans, and Carson City.

There is no blank form of application for appointment in these Institutions. All that is necessary is, to address a letter to the Superintendent, and make application in such language as you may choose to use.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1895.

George W. Ogelvie, Esq.,
No. 1805 Barry Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, you are respectfully informed, that the total number of silver dollars, coined under the Act of February 28th, 1878 was 378,166,793. The total amount of silver purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, commonly known as the "Sherman Act," was 168,674,682 fine ounces.

The purchases commenced on August 13th 1890, and were discontinued November 1st, 1893.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1895.

Hon. Geo. C. Pendleton,
Belton, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant,

requesting that two or three copies of the last annual report of this Bureau be sent you, I have to advise you that I am unable to send you more than one copy, as the edition is about exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July 1895, has been approved for the sum of $1,000.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries		
Wages of Workmen		
Contingent Expenses		
Parting and Refining,	1896,	$1.000.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to:
J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson.

+ + + + July, 1895 +
+ + $3,700.00 + + +

Salaries,	1896	$ 1,500
Wages of Workmen,	1896	1,200
Contingent Expenses,	1896	1,000

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Boise.

July 1895,

$1057.10

Salaries	1896.	$269.60
Wages of Workmen,	1896.	
Contingent Expenses,	1896.	787.50

July 8, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

In my letter to you of the 6th instant, requesting that a transfer be made from your Bullion Fund to the Treasury of the United States, "Treasury Notes" should read $10,183.00 instead of $10,000.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1895.

Milton H. Garland, Esq.,
No. 332 Maple Street, Station "O",
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 17th ultimo, I have to reply as follows:-

1st. What is the word seigniorage, as applied to the silver bullion in the Treasury of the United States, mean?

The word "seigniorage" as applied to the silver bullion in the Treasury of the United States, refers to the difference between its cost and coining value. For instance, at the date of the repeal of the

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purchasing clause of the Act of July 14, 1890, there were on hand at the Mints of the United States 140,699,852.67 fine ounces of silver, the cost of which was $126,758,280, while the coining value of the same in silver was $181,914,961., so that if the bullion were actually coined, it would have given an apparent seigniorage of $55,156,681, but in the absence of any specific authority to set aside a quantity of silver that would coin the number of dollars, that would have been equal to the profit on the coinage on the whole amount, the seigniorage is only declared on the quantity, at the close of each month, and paid into the Treasury.

For instance, the average cost of the silver purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, was 92.4 cents; at this rate the bullion value of the silver (371¼ grains) contained in a silver dollar would be about 70 cents, and would give a seigniorage of 30 cents on the coinage of each dollar. No seigniorage can accrue, except in the case of the actual coinage.

2nd. What is the percent. of difference between pure gold and gold coins of the United States?

One tenth of one percent., the gold coins of the United States being composed of 900 parts of pure gold and 100 parts of copper alloy.

3rd. Has there ever been a time when the United States coined money for any one, without taking seigniorage for the same?

In reply to this question, I would state that prior to the passage of the Act of February 21st, 1853, the coinage of both gold and silver were free, that is for the actual

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stamping of coins when the metal was of standard fineness. After the passage of the Act of 1853 up to the passage of the Act of 1873, a charge of one half of one percent. was made for stamping silver dollars and gold coins. Under the Act of 1853, the weight of the half-dollar, quarter-dollar and dime were reduced; these coins, after that date were struck only on Government account, from bullion purchased for that purpose.

The coinage of the standard silver dollar was discontinued by the Act of 1873 and the Trade dollar authorized. The charges for stamping these pieces from standard metal were at San Francisco one and one half cents and at Philadelphia one and one-quarter cents per piece. Under the Act of 1873, the coinage charge on gold was one fifth of one percent on the value. This was repealed by the Resumption Act of January 14th, 1875, and the coinage of gold is free. Silver, with the exception of the Trade Dollar, since 1873 has been coined solely on Government account.

The Act of July 22, 1876, limited the coinage of Trade Dollars to the export demand, and the Act of March 3rd, 1887 provided for the redemption, recoinage and discontinuance of the coinage of Trade Dollars.

Anyone has the privilege to deposit gold at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, and will receive in return the value of the same at the rate of $20.67183 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1895.

Hon. C. K. Bell,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Sir:-

Replying to your two letters of recent date, requesting that copies of the last annual report of this Bureau be sent to Hon. Lee Riddle, Granbury, Texas, and Hon. J. A. Peacock, Fort Worth, Texas, I have to advise you that the report of the Secretary of the Treasury has this day been sent to the above named gentlemen, as it contains the report of the Director of the Mint. The separate edition of the 22nd Annual Report of this Bureau is exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1895.

W. W. Baldwin, Esq.,
Burlington, Iowa.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 2nd instant, has been handed me by the Comptroller of the Currency, for reply.

The production of silver in the United States during the calendar year 1894, is estimated to have been 49,500,000 ounces fine, of the coining value in silver dollars of $64,000,000., and the commercial value of the same at the average price ($0.63479) for an ounce of fine silver during the year, was $31,422,000.

The Engineering and Mining Journal give the average price of silver during

the year as 63 cents, which is incorrect.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1895.

W. H. Harvey, Esq.,
No. 134 Monroe Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I would state that the World's Production of gold and silver for the calendar year, 1894, from the most reliable information obtainable, is estimated to have been as follows:-

	Fine Ounces.	Coining Value.
Gold	8,788,242	$ 181,669,100
Silver	166,486,830.	215,255,700.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1895.

Horace B. Hough, Esq.,
No. 831 Marshall Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 30th. ultimo, I have this day forwarded your papers to Major Herman Kretz, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1895.

Jnme Kimball, Esq.,
Editor "Eastland Chronicle",
Eastland, Texas.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, you are respectfully informed that silver is coined only on Government account, and not for individuals. The coinage of gold is free. The Mints of the United States are now coining both gold and silver. The former for individuals and the latter for the Government.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July 1895, has been approved for the sum of $24,000.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1896,	3,500.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	15,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	3,000.
Parting & refining bullion,	1896,	2,500.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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July 9, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8838 for $813.25, being on account of Value of Surplus bullion recovered, inclosed in your communication of the 8th inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1895.

G. M. Boissevain, Esq.,
#4 Tesselschadestraat,
Amsterdam, Holland.

Sir:

I have received your memoir on the monetary question, published in Paris in 1895, which I consider a very able contribution in defence of the doctrine of bi-metallism on an international basis.

Thanking you for the same, I am
Yours very truly,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Telephone #6

July 9, 1895.

H. Holbrith, Esq.,
#1054 Thirty-first Street,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:- Will you please call at this office as

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soon as possible, and bring with you a book of instructions for the calculating machine.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1895.

Hon. J. A. Pickler,
Faulkton, South Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, I regret that it will be impossible for me to send the last two annual reports of this Bureau to W. S. Potter, Deadwood, S. D., as the editions of these two reports are exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1895.

Hon. Thomas Turner,
Mount Sterling Kentucky.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 7th instant, I enclose herewith statement of the production of gold and silver in the World for each year since 1492, up to and including 1894.

In regard to the amount of precious metals used in the Arts I would invite your attention to the article on the World's Industrial Consumption of Gold and Silver, in the report of the Director of the Mint on the Production of the Precious Metals for 1893, (a copy of which is sent you by today's mail, commencing with

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The commercial relation of gold to silver on the 27th of February, was as 1 to 15.66.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Chicago and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1895.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

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July 11, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:- On the first instant, I forwarded you per

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registered mail, a copy of an Indian Peace Medal, issued during President Jefferson's term, with the request that you would submit the same to the Engraver and Curator of the Cabinet of the Mint, for an expression of their opinion as to its genuineness.

I will thank you to return the medal as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Denver.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, except Assay Certificates which have not yet been received.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 11, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

Your bullion and coin accounts are returned herewith, for correction, as per letter of the fifth instant.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1895.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
St. Louis.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1102 for 1.00 being on account of Value of D. W. Room grains, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 8th. inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1895.

A. B. Arnold, Esq.,
Mineral Wells, Texas.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 6th. instant, I would state that this Bureau has no facilities for extracting the small quantity of gold that may be contained in the bag of sand, forwarded by you, and the same is held subject to your order.

If you wish the sand returned to you by express, please inform me, and the same will be returned to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1895.

Hon. E. J. Hainer, Esq.,
Aurora, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant, requesting that a copy of the last report on the production of gold and silver, and also the Coinage Laws be mailed to Charles C. Stull of Osceola, Polk Co., Nebraska, I have to advise you that your request has this day been complied with.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1895.

Hon. D. W. Voorhees,
Chairman, Committee on Finance,
United States Senate.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the tenth instant, I forward herewith, for the use of the Committee on Finance, ten copies of the value of foreign coins, as estimated by this Bureau and proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury, July first, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be

made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-four Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars ($54,789.00) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Twenty-seven $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($527.50) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Sixteen $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($55,316.50) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No 75, dated July 1, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

+ + + Mint at Denver + + Mint at Philadelphia + One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five $\frac{95}{100}$ + ($1,945.95) + and Eleven $\frac{47}{100}$ + ($11.47) + total of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-seven $\frac{42}{100}$ + ($1,957.42) + Assayer + Mint at Denver + Memorandum No. 75½ + July 1, 1895, + + +

+ + + Assay Office at Helena + Mint at Philadelphia + Seventy-two Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-one $\frac{89}{100}$ + ($72,641.89) + Ten Thousand Hundred and Thirty $\frac{48}{100}$ + ($1030.48) + total of Seventy-three Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-two $\frac{37}{100}$ + ($73,672.37) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Helena + Memorandum No 44 + July 1, 1895 + at said Mint.

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+ + + Assay Office at Helena + Mint at Philadelphia + Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-three $\frac{31}{100}$ + ($30,743.31) + Three Hundred and Nineteen $\frac{99}{100}$ + ($319.99) + total of Thirty-one Thousand and Sixty-three $\frac{30}{100}$ + ($31,063.30) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Helena + Memorandum No. 45 + July 5, 1895, + +

+ + + Assay Office at Boise + Mint at Philadelphia + Twenty-four Thousand and Seventy-four $\frac{93}{100}$ + ($24,074.93) + and One Hundred and Seventy-seven $\frac{07}{100}$ + ($177.07) + total of Twenty-four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-two $\frac{00}{100}$ + ($24,252.00) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Boise + Memorandum No. 42 + July 1, 1895 + +

+ + + Assay Office at Boise + Mint at Philadelphia + Thirty-eight Thousand Four Hundred and Two $\frac{24}{100}$ + ($38,402.24) + and Two Hundred and Seventy-eight $\frac{58}{100}$ + ($278.58) + total of Thirty-eight Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty $\frac{82}{100}$ + ($38,680.82) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Boise + Memorandum No 43 + July 6, 1895 + at said Mint.

+ + + Assay Office at Charlotte + Mint at Philadelphia + Thirty-one Thousand One Hundred and Forty-seven $\frac{59}{100}$ + ($31,147.59) + Seventy-four $\frac{94}{100}$ + ($74.94) + total of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-two $\frac{53}{100}$ + ($31,222.53) + Bullion + Assayer in charge +

Assay Office at Charlotte + Memorandum No 6 + July 2, 1895 + + +

+ + + Assay Office at St. Louis + Mint at Philadelphia + Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-two $\frac{98}{100}$ + ($10,392.98) + Ninety-three $\frac{06}{100}$ + ($93.06) + total of Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-six $\frac{04}{100}$ + ($10,486.04) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at St. Louis + Memorandum No. 241 + July 2, 1895 + + at said Mint.

July 12, 1895.

To the Honorable,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at New York, be increased five million dollars ($5,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount, ~~and that the~~ same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the Quarter ending March 31, 1895 rendered to me for the purpose

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+ + + Assay Office at Helena
+ Mint at Philadelphia + Thirty Thous-
and Seven Hundred and Forty-three $\frac{31}{100}$ +
($30,743.31) + Three Hundred and Nineteen $\frac{99}{100}$
+ ($319.99) + total of Thirty-one Thousand
and Sixty-three $\frac{30}{100}$ + ($31,063.30) + Bullion
+ Assayer + Assay Office at Helena +
Memorandum No. 45 + July 5, 1895, + +

+ + + Assay Office at Boise
+ Mint at Philadelphia + Twenty-four
Thousand and Seventy-four $\frac{93}{100}$ + ($24,074.93)
+ and One Hundred and Seventy-seven $\frac{07}{100}$ + ($177.07)
+ total of Twenty-four Thousand Two Hundred
and Fifty-two $\frac{00}{100}$ + ($24,252.00) + Bullion
+ Assayer + Assay Office at Boise +
Memorandum No. 42 + July 1, 1895 + +

+ + + Assay Office at Boise
+ Mint at Philadelphia + Thirty-eight
Thousand Four Hundred and Two $\frac{24}{100}$ +
($38,402.24) + and Two Hundred and
Seventy-eight $\frac{58}{100}$ + ($278.58) + total of
Thirty-eight Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty $\frac{82}{100}$
+ ($38,680.82) + Bullion + Assayer
+ Assay Office at Boise + Memorandum No
43 + July 6, 1895 + at said Mint.

+ + + Assay Office at Charlotte
+ Mint at Philadelphia + Thirty-one
Thousand One Hundred and Forty-seven $\frac{59}{100}$
+ ($31,147.59) + Seventy-four $\frac{94}{100}$ +
($74.94) + total of Thirty-one Thousand
Two Hundred and Twenty-two $\frac{53}{100}$ + ($31,222.53)
+ Bullion + Assayer in charge +

Assay Office at Charlotte + Memorandum No 6 + July 2, 1895 + + +

+ + + Assay Office at St. Louis + Mint at Philadelphia + Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-two $\frac{98}{100}$ + ($10,392.98) + Ninety-three $\frac{06}{100}$ + ($93.06) + total of Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-six $\frac{04}{100}$ + ($10,486.04) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at St. Louis + Memorandum No. 241 + July 2, 1895 + + at said Mint.

July 12, 1895.

To the Honorable,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at New York, be increased five million dollars ($5,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount, ~~and that~~ the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the Quarter ending March 31, 1895 rendered to me for the purpose

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of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Date a/c's forwarded — no letter.
" a/c's rec'd May 6, 1895.

July 12, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 75, dated July 1, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 75 dated June 26, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $55,454.40; charges $137.90, and net value $55,316.50. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:
W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Deposit Memorandum 75½ + July 1, 1895 +
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 75½
+ June 26, 1895 + + +
$1,957.42; charges — net value $1,957.42.
+ + Mint at Philadelphia.

over.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Deposit Memorandum No. 44 + July 1, 1895,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 44
+ June 22, 1895 + + +
$73,874.98; charges $202.61, and net value $73,672.37.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Deposit Memorandum No. 45 + July 5, 1895
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 45
+ June 29, 1895 + + +
$31,138.39; charges $75.09, and net value $31,063.30.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Deposit Memorandum No. 6 + July 2, 1895
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 6
+ June 28, 1895 + + +
$31,296.91; + $74.38 + $31,222.53.
+ + Mint at Philadelphia.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 42, + July 1, 1895
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 42
+ June 22, 1895 + + +
$24,319.88; + $67.88, + $24,252.00
+ + Mint at Philadelphia.

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 43 + July 6, 1895,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 43
+ June 29, 1895 + + + +
$38,780.09; + $99.27, + $38,680.82.
+ + Mint at Philadelphia.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Deposit Memorandum No. 241 + July 2, 1895,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 241
+ June 29, 1895 + + + +
$10,579.85; + $33.81, + $10,486.04.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

July 12, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the Bullion Fund of your Office to be increased by a transfer of five million dollars ($5,000,000.-) in gold coin, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending Mch. 31, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1895.

John S. Hanson,
#368 First Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, I have to advise you that I have this day mailed to your address copies of the 21st and 22nd Annual reports of this Bureau and also the report on the production of precious metals in the United States 1893.

The report of the production of gold and silver for the year 1894 has not yet been published, but your name has been placed on the mailing list, and so soon as issued a copy will be sent you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1895.

P. J. Mackedon, Esq.,
Sommerville, Milwaukee Co.,
Wisconsin.

Sir:

I have to reply to the inquiries contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo, as follows:—

Gold can be sent to the Mints for coinage by registered mail, but it is at the risk of the party sending.

All Mints in the United States coin gold.

It is lawful for the Mints to refuse to receive deposits of less than $100. If gold is sent to the Mints by Express the sender pays the charges both ways.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1895.

Hibberd B. Worrell,
No. 555 North 17th Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant, has been received and the same referred to the Supervising Architect.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to give E. R. Helmbold half pay to July 15th and after that drop him from the rolls until he returns for duty, as recommended in your letter of the 12th instant.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1895.

R. J. Finley, Esq.,
Pacific Building,
Washington D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find copies of letters, relative to the Indian Peace Medal, received from the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

The medal will be returned to you in the course of a few days.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1893.

Hon. Robert Neill,
Batesville, Arkansas.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, you are respectfully informed that a careful ex-

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amination of the records of the Mint, fail to show that any of the fractional silver coined prior to the Act of February 21st. 1853 was transferred to the Mints, and recoined into pieces of the weight, as provided by the Act above named. At the time of the passage of this Act, there was a very small amount of fractional silver coins of our own mintage in circulation, and we were dependent almost wholly upon foreign silver coins for change purposes, which were much abraded.

The silver coins of the United States being of full weight were preferred for shipment and were shipped out of the country, almost as soon as issued from the Mint. The object of the Act of February 21st, 1853, as you are well aware, was to prevent this if possible, but even with the reduction of the weight of the silver coins of less than a dollar, large amounts were exported, as their bullion value was greater than their face or nominal value.

The table of the Coinages of the Mints of the United States, from 1793 to 1893, to which you refer, is the total coinage of both silver and gold, for each year, and includes the amounts of gold and silver recoined.

Prior to the establishment of this Bureau, correct accounts were not kept by the Mints of the amounts recoined. The Act of 1873 provided "that gold coins abraded below one-half of one per cent, would not be received by the Treasury", and hence to-day so long as the denominations of the silver coins of the United States can be distinguished

and there is no evidence of fraudulent abrasion or mutilation, they will be redeemed by the Treasury.

Since 1882, it has been the practice of the Treasury Department to obtain from Congress every year, an appropriation for the re-coinage of worn and uncurrent silver coin in the Treasury, and up to this date $36,000,000., have been recoined of worn and uncurrent silver coin. In the statement issued by the Treasury Department, "Divisions of Loans and Currency" wherein the amounts of gold and silver coins in circulation, June 1, 1895, are stated, I would add for your information that from 1861 to 1876, specie payments were suspended in the United States except on the Pacific Coast, and nearly all our gold and silver coin was exported.

Dr. Henry R. Linderman, in his report, as Director of the Mint, for the fiscal year 1873, made an estimate of the amount of coin in the country, taking the amount of gold coin and bullion that was known to be in the Treasury and the banks on the first of July estimating the amount in circulation on the Pacific Coast at $20,000,000, gave a total of $135,000,000 in gold, while the amount of silver coin estimated to be in the country at that date was $5,000,000. Since that date, it has been the practice of this Bureau to make an estimate of the stock of coin in the country. This is done by adding the coinage with the imports of domestic coin,

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to the stock on hand, and deducting the amount of domestic coin exported, used in the arts and recoined. Thus we find that on the first of June, the stock of subsidiary silver coin in the country was $76,000,000.

A copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for 1894 has been mailed you.

Trusting that the above answers may be satisfactory,

I am,

Very truly yours,

R. E. Preston,

Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Eighty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-three $\frac{89}{100}$ Dollars ($85,323.89) in Gold Coin, and Eight Hundred and Eighty-five $\frac{38}{100}$ Dollars ($885.38) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eighty-six Thousand Two Hundred and Nine $\frac{27}{100}$ Dollars ($86,209.27) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 1, dated July 9, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1895.

The Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of Herman Kretz, Superintendent, U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the sum of $3,740.28 on account of the profits on the coinage of silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1895.

The Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of Herman Kretz, Superintendent of the United States at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the sum of $28,160.19, on account of the profits on coinage of subsidiary silver, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 1 dated July 9, 1895 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 1 dated July 1, 1895 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $86,421.50; charges $212.23, and net value $86,209.27. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in your name in the Treasury of the United States the sum of $28,160.19, on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver, and also $3,740.28, on account of the profits on the coinage of silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, and that the Bullion Fund of your Mint be increased by transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of June 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Half Dollars	Del. 30	1.00
Total		$1.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1895.

W. E. Andrey, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 445 for $89.00 being on account of Special Assays, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 13th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, No personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 446 for $109.14 + Melting, Assaying + Stamping Chgs., Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, + + 13th inst. + + +

over.

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July 15, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

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Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in your name in the Treasury of the United States the sum of $28,160.19, on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver, and also $3,740.28, on account of the profits on the coinage of silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, and that the Bullion Fund of your Mint be increased by transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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2 Half Dollars	Del. 30	1.00
Total		$1.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 445 for $89.00 being on account of Special Assays, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 13th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, No personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 446 for $109.14 + Melting, Assaying + Stamping Chgs., Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, + + 13th inst. + + +

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personal credit + bullion +
+ + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 455 for $76.07 + Gains on Bullion shipd. Phila. Mint (Assays) Fiscal year endg. June 30, 1895, inclosed + 13th inst. +
personal credit + bullion + +
+ as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 456 for $361.42 + Gains on Bullion shipd. Phila. Mint (Collection a/c) Fiscal year endg. June 30, 1895 + + 13th inst +
personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

July 16, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

In future please forward letter with your bullion accounts.

Similar letter to:

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Boise.

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Hon. Charles G. Bennett,
Bennett Building,
No. 95 Nassau St. New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 14th instant, recommending Mr. Clarence A. Dillingham for appointment as a watchman in the New York Assay Office, has been received, and the same referred to the Superintendent of that Institution in whom the law vests appointments.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1895.

H. G. Marsh, Esq.,
Tusculum, Tennessee.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, you are informed that the Government does not purchase or redeem any foreign silver coins, and the old Mexican dollars you have could only be disposed of to some bullion broker.

United States mutilated silver coins are purchased as bullion (see circular enclosed herewith), at a price fixed, from time to time, by the Director of the Mint.

Mutilated nickels are neither redeemed nor purchased.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. E. J. Hainer,
Aurora, Nebraska.

Sir:-

Replying to your communication of the 15th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and by him referred to this Bureau, I regret that I can not comply with your request to send to A. H. Colman, Diller, Nebraska, the last annual report of this Bureau, as the edition is exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1895.

Robert Peele, Esq.,
#18 Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, requesting that copies of the last two annual reports of this Bureau be sent to Santiago Pascoe and also to the Director of the Mint at Potosi, Bolivia, South America, you are informed that your request has been complied with, and the names of both gentlemen placed on the permanent list of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Santiago Pascoe, Esq.,
Potosi, Bolivia,
South America.

Sir:

In compliance with the request of Mr. Robert Peele of #18 Broadway, New York City, I have this day mailed to your address copies of the annual reports of this Bureau for the years ending June 30th, 1893 and 1894. Your name has been placed upon the permanent mailing list of this Bureau, and in future all publications of this office will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1895.

To the Director of the Mint,
Potosi, Bolivia,
South America.

Sir:

In compliance with the request of Mr. Robert Peele #18 Broadway, New York City, I herewith send you copies of the annual reports of this Bureau for the fiscal years ending June 30th 1893 and 1894. Your name has been placed upon the permanent mailing list, and in future all publications of this Bureau will be mailed you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Messrs. Aiello & Co.,
No. 180 Worth Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:-

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant, you are respectfully informed that it is expected that the medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery early in September next.

Your letter has been referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as to the time of the delivery of the diplomas.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, to the following:

J. L. Landis,
No. 539 Milwaukee Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

J. L. Lee, Esq.,
Williamstown, Kentucky.

J. E. Petersen, Esq.,
Pentwater, Michigan.

Chapman Valve Manufacturing Co.,
Indian Orchard, Massachusetts.

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H. J. Finley, Esq.,
Pacific Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I return herewith the Indian Peace Medal,

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left by you at this Bureau some time since.

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of a letter of the Engraver and Curator of the Mint, in which it is stated that the medal is genuine.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1895.

The Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of John Daggett, Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, the sum of $122,516.28 on account of the profits on the coinage of silver bullion, purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + request + cause to be deposited in the Treasury + United States + name of Overton Cade, Superintendent + Mint at New Orleans + $16,793.54 + profits on the coinage of silver bullion + Act of July 14th 1890 + + +

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Forty-six Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-nine $\frac{44}{100}$ Dollars ($46,399.44) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Ten $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars ($210.15) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-six Thousand Six Hundred and Nine $\frac{59}{100}$ Dollars ($46,609.59) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, as shown by Memorandum No. 1 dated July 13, 1895 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint

July 17, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, the sum of $122,516.28, on account of the profits on the coinage of silver bullion, purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, and that your Bullion Fund

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be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.
+ + requested + Secretary +
+ deposited in the Treasury + your name
+ $16,793.54 + coinage + bullion
+ Bullion Fund + + +

July 17, 1895.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 1, dated July 13, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 1 dated July 6, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $46,726.27; charges $116.68, and net value $46,609.59. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith Form No. 414, for the reason that the stub is dated 188 and the check 189 and differ as regard to size.

Before a requisition can be made on the Public Printer a check with the stub attached should be furnished.

Requisition has been made for Gold Mint Receipts and they will probably be shipped early next month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

P. S. I have revised, a new form forwarded in your requisition for blanks and submit it for your consideration. Please return as early as practicable.

July 15, 1895.

W. J. Puchett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith returned for endorsement, find Mint receipts #3077 and #3663.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Boise.

Sir:

C. D. No. 2060 for $828.^{53} being on account of Value of D. M. Room sweeps, Dr. endg. June 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 10th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 2061 for $375.^{00} + Special Assays + 10th inst. + No personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No 2069 for 439.^{36} + Melting, Assaying + Stamping chgs. + + + 10th inst. + + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No 2070 for $126.^{82} + Value Sweeps D. M. Room + 10th inst + personal credit + bullion + miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No 2071 for $265.^{17} + Gains on Bullion ship^{d} Phila. Mint (Assays) Fiscal year + June 30, 1895 + 10th + personal credit + bullion + miscellaneous receipt.

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C. D. No. 2072 for $419.13 + Gains on Bullion shipd Phila. Mint (Collection a/c) Fiscal year + June 30, '95, + 10th + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

July 17, 1895.

R. C. Beckett, Esq.,
West Point, Mississippi.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the 11th instant, relative to the number of grains of pure silver contained in certain foreign coins mentioned, I submit the following:-

Country.	Piece.	Fine Grains.
Spain	5 pesetas	347.220
Venezuela	5 bolivars	347.220
France	5 franc	347.220
Belgium	5 franc	347.220
Italy	5 lire	347.220
Switzerland	5 franc	347.220
Greece	5 drachmas	347.220
Ecuador	Sucre	347.220
Bolivia	boliviano	347.220
Peru	Sol	347.220
Columbia	peso	347.220
Central American States	peso	347.220
Argentine Republic	peso	347.220
Chile	peso	347.220
Cuba	Same as Spain	
Haiti	gourde	347.220
Mexico	peso	377.170
Brazil	Milreis	180.361
China	Tail, Haikwan (customs)	571.430
India	rupee	165.000

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Japan	yen	374.400
Netherlands	florin	145.832
Persia	kran	63.958½
Russia	ruble	277.714
Austria Hungary	florin	171.465
Egypt	piaster	18.004
Tripoli	Mahbab	313.200

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1895.

Roy C. Foster, Esq.,
No. 121 Streator Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th instant, I would state that I am at a loss to know what particular statements you wish, but I send you by today's mail, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1893-1894, and report on the production of the precious metals for 1893.

I send you also the "Coinage Laws" and Appendix, as compiled by the Finance Committee of the United States Senate. If there is any particular statement you desire from me and will let me know what it is, I will endeavor to furnish it.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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D. F. Maroney, Esq.,
Camden Station, B & O. R. R. Co.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a statement which will give you the coinage of the United States both gold and silver, from 1792 to 1894, inclusive. I also send you by mail a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year, 1894, in which you will find, commencing with page 319, the Monetary Systems of the principal countries of the World.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1895.

W. R. Tucker, Esq.,
Secretary of the Board of Trade,
Drexel Building, Philadelphia.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, you are informed that I have had only that part of Schmeisser's report on the "Occurrence of the Useful Minerals" translated as relates to South Africa. You can obtain this work complete from Messrs. B. Westerman and Co., No. 812 Broadway, New York City.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Dr. Carrie Wolfsbruck,
No 454 Lexington Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Madam:

I have carefully examined the list of awards as furnished this Bureau by the Committee on Awards of the World's Columbian Exposition, and I do not find either your name or that of Dr. Dean as entitled to an award in Group 148, as furnished this Bureau.

The Department is governed entirely in this matter by the action of the Committee on Awards. The papers forwarded by you are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixty-eight Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-eight $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars ($68,198.33) in Gold Coin, and Eight Hundred and Twelve $\frac{90}{100}$ Dollars ($812.90) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-nine Thousand and Eleven $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars ($69,011.23) being the net value of Bullion heretofore

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forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No 1 dated July 15, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1895

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Merchant's National Banks, Helena, Montana.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1895.

To the
Honorable Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of $7,801.84 payable in 14,447.85 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 1, dated July 15, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 1 dated July 8, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $69,196.82; charges $185.59, and net value $69,011.23. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and Merchants National Banks, Helena, Montana.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from your Bullion Fund to that of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, of the sum of $7,801.84, payable in 14,447.85 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint, of the sum of $7,801.84 payable in 14,447.85 ounces of standard silver bullion.

When this bullion is received, you will take it up and treat it as a purchase for the subsidiary silver coinage.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-six Thousand Two Hundred and Nineteen $\frac{02}{100}$ Dollars ($76,219.02) in Gold Coin, and Seven Hundred and Seventy $\frac{22}{100}$ Dollars ($770.22) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-nine $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars ($76,989.24) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 2 dated July 17, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 2, dated July 17, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 2 dated July 13, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $77,192.69; charges $203.45, and net value $76,989.24. For the latter amount a transfer has been re-

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quested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the fifteenth instant, in reference to placing combination locks upon the vaults, safes and closets in which there are kept the Melter & Refiner and Coiner's bullion, blanks, coin and dies, I fully concur with you as to the propriety of having combination locks, and if you will make up a list and forward me of the number of locks desired, I will endeavor to obtain the same from the Supervising Architect's Office, payment to be made from the appropriation, for locks, safes and vaults of public buildings. I will also procure an iron safe, payable from the same appropriation.

It has been held by the Accounting Officers of the Treasury that all safes, vaults and locks for public buildings, should be paid from the specific appropriation for the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Late Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8829 for $25.61, being on account of Repayment Contingent Expenses. Newspaper a/c disallowed by Auditor for the Treasy Dept., inclosed in your communication of the 2nd inst., has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary Expense accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the above appropriation

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted to the following:

Operton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

C. D. No's 14, 15, 16 + 17 for $2287.88 + + unexpended balances of appropriations for Salaries Wages of Workmen, Contingent Expenses + Coinage of Silver Bullion, for the fiscal year 1895 + + 8th inst. + personal credit + proper accounts + to the proper appropriations as above enumerated.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

C. D. No. 3816 for $86.65 + Unexpended balance Wages of Workmen Fiscal year 1895,

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+ + 29th " ult. + personal credit
+ Ordinary Expense + to the credit
of the appropriation for Wages of Workmen Fiscal year 1895.
To same address:
C. D. 3817 for $346.01 + unexpended
balance Contingent Expenses Fiscal year 1895
+ 29th " ult. + + personal credit
+ Ordinary Expense + to the credit
of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Fiscal year 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

C. D. No. 93 for $31.50 + Unexpended
balances, Wages of Workmen, Fiscal year 1895,
+ + 29th " ult. + personal credit
+ Ordinary Expense + to the credit
of the above appropriation.
Same address:
C. D. No. 94 for $5.55 + Unexpended balance
Ordinary Expenses, Fiscal year 1895 +
29th " ult + + personal credit
+ Ordinary Expense + credit of the above appropriation.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte.

C. D. No. 444 for $51/100 + unexpended
balance for Contingent Expenses, including
labor, Fiscal year 1895 + 13th " ult.
+ + personal credit +
Ordinary Expense + Treasury +
to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent
Expenses including labor, Fiscal year, 1895.

over.

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Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
St. Louis.

C. D. No 1098 for $921.98 + Unexpended balance for Contingent Expenses, including labor, Fiscal year 1895 + + 5th inst. + + personal credit + + Ordinary Expense + + to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses + labor Fiscal yr. 1895.

To same address:

C. D. No 1121 for $160.11 + Gain on shipments to Phila. (Assays) Fiscal year 1895, + 16th inst. + + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No 1122 for $198.31 + Gain on bullion shipd. Phila. (Collection a/c) Fiscal Year 1895 + 16th inst. + + personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

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Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
St. Louis.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895.

Please forward letter with bullion accounts.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I return herewith the accounts of John Curtin of San Francisco, and H. H. Beck for services rendered in connection with the recent embezzlement of gold bullion at your Mint.

I also enclose herewith the accounts of Joseph A. Walker and Nicholas R. Harris, for services in connection with this case all for payment from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, report made by Mr. Bush, Bookkeeper to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, in regard to certain entries Mr. Spotts, the Coiner called attention to in the accounts of his predecessor, which I will thank you to read and return to this Office.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 12th instant, authority to advertise for proposals for coal and wood to be furnished the Assay Office at Helena, in the "Independent" is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1895.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I herewith return certificate of gold deposit #354 and #470 for correction as indicated in pencil.

Please return the certificates enclosed with the corrected ones.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1895.

Hon. Calvin S. Brice,
U. S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 18th instant, so soon as the report

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on the production of precious metals 1894 is printed, a copy will be mailed to J. Hiram Seaman, #44 Tuscalow Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, and he has this day been advised that his name has been placed on the mailing list for this report.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1895.

Hon. Case Broderick,
Hollow, Kansas.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and by him referred to this office, is at hand, and I regret that I can not comply with the request therein contained, viz: that a copy of the last annual report of this Bureau be sent to J. W. Curry of Winchester, Kansas, as the edition is exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1895.

R. Kelly, Esq.,
Editor "Commercial",
Louisville, Kentucky.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, you are informed that the silver dollars struck between 1795 and 1805 bore on their edge the words, "Hundred Cents - One Dollar or Unit."

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The slip enclosed is returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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G. Hareopoli & Fils,
Patras, Greece.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, you are respectfully informed that the medals will be forwarded to exhibitors entitled to the same, early in September, and will probably be delivered to you through the United States Minister.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1895.

Rand, McNally and Co.,
No. 61 East Ninth Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

If you will receipt and return the enclosed bill to this Bureau, it will facilitate payment, as Disbursing Officer's check will then be sent you without delay.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Joseph A. Linn, Esq.,
No. #27 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the sixteenth instant, enclosing bond of William M. Lynch, Assistant Assayer, United States Mint at New Orleans, has been duly received.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand Six Hundred and Forty $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars ($28,640.33) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Thirty $\frac{17}{100}$ Dollars ($230.17) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars $28,870.50, being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 2 dated July 18, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, be increased in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Commercial National Bank at Charlotte.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 2, dated July 18 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 2 dated July 13, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $28,948.97; charges $78.47, and net value $28,870.50. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. E. Andrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Commercial National Bank at Charlotte.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salaries, Wages, Contingent expense and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30th 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + Salary, Wages
Contingent expense and Refinery + +
+ Month + June 30, 1895.

over.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nev.

+ + + Salaries, Wages
and Contingent expense + +
Month + June 30, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

+ + + Salary, Wages,
Contingent expense and Parting + Refinery expense
+ + Month + June 30, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + + Salary, Wages,
and Contingent expense + + +
Month + June 30, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

+ + + Salary and
Contingent expense (including labor) +
+ Month + June 30, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

+ + + Bullion Accounts,
+ Quarter + June 30, 1895

over.

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

+ + + Salary and Contingent expense (including labor) + + Month + June 30, 1895.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to advise you that I have this day approved and referred for payment the bill of the Rocky Mountain News for advertising for proposals for supplies for the use of your Mint during the fiscal year 1896, amounting to $13.95, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 20, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Stationery Division, Treasury Department for Stationery, shipped you on the 31st of May 1895, amounting to $11.64 payable from the

appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nev.

+ + + bill of Stationery Division, Treasury Department + Stationery shipped + 12th of June 1895 + $68.36 + + Contingent expenses + fiscal year 1895.

July 20, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

In future you will please use the following certificate of the Assayer in charge to be placed on the back of the "Certificate of Deposit". When the deposit is made in the name of the Assayer in charge,

"I hereby certify that check # _____
"on Assistant Treasurer, United States at ___
"was drawn for $_____ in favor of _____
"189 _____
"

Assayer in charge

The stamp in use by you at present is not sufficient, and is not a certificate.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Joseph A. Linn, Esq.,
Trust Officer of the
City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Co.,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:-

Herewith returned please find bond of W. M. Lynch, Assistant Assayer of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, Louisiana, guaranteed by your Company. You will notice by the enclosed communication from the Office of the Solicitor of the Department what is necessary to complete the bond.

Blanks are herewith enclosed to enable a new bond to be executed, if necessary.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 22, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, be increased in the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Chicago, and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 22, 1895.

B. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago, and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 22, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of July 1895 and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 Quar. Dols.	Del. 31 + 32	1.00
Total		$1.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

4 Half Dollars	Dels. 1 + 2	2.00
Total		$2.00

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + Salary and Contingent expense (including labor) + + month + June 30, 1895.

July 22, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Denver.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3853 for $2833.67, being on account of Net Gains on bullion ship.d Phila. (Collection a/c) Fiscal year 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 19th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 22, 1895.

Hon. J. C. Burrows,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, you are respectfully informed that the gold coinage for the calendar year, 1894, and for the six months ended June 29th, 1895, was as follows:-

Gold. Calendar Year, 1894.

Double Eagles	$ 48,350,800
Eagles	26,032,780
Half Eagles	25,152,275
Quarter Eagles	10,305
Total	$ 79,546,160

Gold Coinage, Six Months ending June 29, 1895.

Double Eagles	$ 15,115,060
Eagles	3,253,550
Half Eagles	4,892,720
Quarter Eagles	110
Total	$ 23,261,440
Grand Total	$ 102,807,600

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 22, 1895.

John A. Brown, Esq.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are authorized to proceed to Waterbury, Connecticut, for duty in connection with the Medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition, now being manufactured

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by the "Scovill Manufacturing Co." You will see that the spelling of the names on the Medals corresponds with the list as furnished by the Bureau of Awards and perform such other duties as may be assigned you from time to time, in connection with the Medals.

Your compensation while engaged in this service will be at the rate of one hundred dollars ($100.00) per month from this date.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 22, 1895.

Hon. Richard P. Bland,
Lebanon, Missouri.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a statement prepared at the Bureau of Statistics of the imports and exports of Mexico from 1891 to 1894, inclusive.

This is the only information that I have been able to obtain in regard to the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 22, 1895.

E. P. Banning, M.D.
Geneva, Ohio.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, you are informed that the medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery early in September, next.

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Your letter has been referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time of the delivery of the diplomas.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint

July 22, 1895.

Geo. Rutledge Gibson,
#55 Broadway,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, I have to advise you that so soon as the report on the production of precious metals 1894 is published, a copy will be mailed you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 22, 1895.

A. L. Jarvis, Esq.,
Department of Agriculture,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant to Mr. A. J. Britton, Acting Chairman, Executive Committee on Awards, World's Columbian Exposition has been referred to this Bureau. In reply I would state that it is expected that the medals awarded to foreign exhibitors will be delivered from the State Department, in which case the medals awarded to exhibitors in Canada will be

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forwarded to Ottawa for distribution by the Canadian authorities.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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The Orr & Hees Manufacturing Co.,
No. 1518 Spring Garden Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sirs:-

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant, I would state that the only remedy you have is not to deliver the Crusher and Pulverizer to Mr. Griffith until he has paid for the same or has made such arrangements for the same as shall be entirely satisfactory to you.

It appears to me you have the remedy in your own hands, inasmuch as he will not be paid for the machine in advance of its delivery.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Scovill Manufacturing Co.,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Sir:

I am informed by the Acting Chairman, Committee on Awards, World's Columbian Exposition that the address of E. P. Banning, Exhibitor in Liberal Arts Building, should be changed to Geneva, Ohio.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Dr. Julius Wolff,
Professor of Political Economy,
University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, I have to advise you that the last annual report of this Bureau and also the report on the production of precious metals 1893 are this day mailed you.

I desire to thank you for the pamphlet, together with the newspaper article received from you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Account sent July 10, 1895.
" recd " 11, 1895.

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery expense accounts, for the month ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter endg. June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 23, 1895.

Hon. J. C. Burrows,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find statements, as requested in your letter of the 20th instant.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Chas. L. Fay, Esq.,
General Agent, Washington Life Insurance Co.,
#3, #4 and #5 Washington Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 17th instant, I have to state that the Secretary of the Treasury was entirely right in his third proposition contained in the speech delivered by him this summer, to which you refer, when he said: "There is not a silver standard country in the world to-day, which uses gold as money, along with silver."

Silver standard countries all have more or less gold, but not in circulation like silver. The gold in these countries is found in the Treasuries of the state or in the banks, where it may be obtained as a commodity. Even in silver standard countries, contracts for payment of gold, are entered into daily, and bankers and money changers derive a profit, by selling it to the parties to such contracts when the time comes for them to pay it out, by charging a heavy premium for it. But where gold is at a premium, as it is in all silver standard countries without exception, it is never found in general circulation, or in fact, in circulation at all. That doubtless is what the Secretary meant by saying that there is not a silver standard country in the world today that uses gold as money along with silver.

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Russia's stock of gold, for instance, is in the Treasury of the State and in the bank of the State, not a gold rouble in circulation. Not only have all silver ~~standard~~ countries some gold but, they all coin, or have coined, gold: for all countries whether gold or silver standard, need gold, not only for the purpose above named, but for purposes of international trade, and to pay the interest on their foreign debts. Where gold is not legal tender, as it is not in Mexico nor in India, nor in the silver monometallic countries of South America, it certainly cannot be said that it is used along with silver, as a monetary medium it never sees the light in these countries, except when drawn from its hiding place by the offer of some very great inducement.

By a clerical error, "India", on page 180 of the Secretary's report is scheduled "gold and silver". It should have been "silver" only, as you will notice it is, on page 192 of the same report.

In compliance with the wish implied in your letter, I send you a copy of my last report, containing on pages 319 to 355 an account of the monetary systems of the principal countries of the world. It is necessary to bear in mind that these monetary systems are described in the report as they exist on the statute book of the several countries, not, as they ~~actually exist~~. For instance, the Argentine Republic has only a paper currency, although legally it has the

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metallic system, described on page 319 of the report which I send you herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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C. B. Hurlburt, Esq.,
Laurel, Delaware.

Sir:

In reply to your postal of the 16th instant, I am unable to inform you what the eight dollar paper note you have, dated Philadelphia May 10th 1873, is worth. You might be able to ascertain its value as curiosity from some bank in Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-nine $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars ($43,629.57) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Twenty $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars ($420.00) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-four Thousand and Forty-nine $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars ($44,049.57) being the net value of Bullion heretofore

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forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, as shown by Memorandum No. 2 dated July 20, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages, Contingent Refinery & Coinage of Lil. Bul., accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La., for the month ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

Accts. sent July 8, 1895.
" recd " 10, 1895.

July 24, 1895.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 2, dated July 20, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 2, dated July 13, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $44,170.83; charges $121.26, and net value $44,049.57. For the latter amount a transfer has been re-

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quested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Salary, Wages, Contingent, Refinery & Coinage of Sil. Bul. accounts for the month ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Actg Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of July 1895 and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quar. Dollars	Del. 33	.50
	Total	$ .50

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, mutatis mutandis, to

over.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Half Dollars	,	Del. 3	, 1.00
	Total	,	, $1.00

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have today approved and referred for examination and settlement, a bill of the "Times Democrat" for advertising for proposals to furnish supplies for the use of your mint during the fiscal year 1896, amounting to $42.00, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint, for the fiscal year 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1895.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D.'s No. 635, 641 & 642, for $1157.78, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriations for Salaries, Wages & Contingent expenses of your mint, fiscal year 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 17th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you

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in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, to the credit of the above appropriations as follows: Salaries $707.08, Wages $41.00, Contingent Expenses $409.70.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt., U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I return herewith the letter of Mr. Adams, enclosed in your letter of the 22nd instant. In regard to a statement being made by Messrs Hassan and Morgan, as to the way they made the count or settlement at Carson in 1893, I would say that I have consulted the Solicitor of the Treasury, and he is very decided in his opinion that no statement by these gentlemen, even if sworn to, would be considered in Court as evidence, and he thinks it will be necessary for them to appear as witnesses, so that the accused could have the benefit of cross examination. Inasmuch as witnesses cannot be compelled to go a distance of over one hundred miles, I would state that if the District Attorney will have subpoenas sent to the U. S. Marshal, for this District for Mr. Hassan, and to the Marshal of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for Mr. Morgan, I will instruct them to go to Carson whenever required.

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I am in hopes the case will be set for trial immediately after the Grand Jury meets, as I should very much dislike to have you remain there three or four weeks awaiting the trial.

Before you go to Carson I hope to see you in New York, but if not would be glad to have you come by way of Washington for consultation, not only in regard to the Jones' case but as to the future of the Carson Mint.

I enclose a statement signed by Messrs Morgan and Hassan, relative to the settlement of the accounts at the Carson Mint, June 30, 1893.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Statement relative to the Settlement of the Accounts of the Carson Mint, June 30, 1893.

In the settlement of the accounts of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, June 30, 1893, under the supervision of W. E. Morgan and A. A. Hassan, the bullion of the Melter and Refiner was placed on the scales, each melt separately, by the employees of the Mint, the bullion not being handled by the examiners. The weight and number of each melt was called off and if said weight and number agreed with the statement furnished the examiners the melt was passed. Should the weight of a melt fall short such melt would not be passed until the missing bullion was found.

After weighing all the bullion the weight

and fineness were compared with the Superintendent's Accounts, and after computation, if the standard weight of the gold and silver agreed as charged, the settlement was considered satisfactory and passed.

The fineness of the bars were not considered during the weighing, but, as stated above was checked with the Superintendent's Accounts and Assayer's slips.

The examiners did not at any time handle the bullion to determine the fineness by its weight or color.

W. E. Morgan
A. A. Hassan.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars placed to your credit at Chicago, yesterday by wire.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Telegrams Confirmed.

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C. P. Goss,
Murray Hill Hotel,
New York.

I will be in Philadelphia tomorrow all day.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

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Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery expense accounts, of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City for the month ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

Account sent July 9, 1895.
" recd " 10, 1895.

July 25, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement, your Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery expense accounts for the month ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

July 25, 1895

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Late Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your

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bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Months of April and May 1895.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

July 25, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of July 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quar. Dollars	Del. 34	.50
Total		$ .50

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as noted, to:
John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles	Del. 42	40.00
Total		$40.00

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B. Westerman & Co.,
#812 Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I thank you for calling my attention to "Ph. Kalkmann: Englands Uebergang zur Goldwährung zu Beginnde",

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and wish you to order a copy of the same for this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the month ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

account sent July 13, 1895.
" recd " 20, 1895.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Salary Wages and Contingent expense accounts + Assayer in charge + U. S. Mint at Denver + + Month + June 30, 1895, + +
account sent July 10, 1895,
" recd " 15, 1895.

July 26, 1895.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper

accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery expense accounts, for the month ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.
+ + + Salary, Wages
+ Contingent Expense + + Month
+ June 30, 1895 + approval.

July 26, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

In answer to your communication of the 23rd instant, relative to the amount of gold and silver deposited in Mints and Assay Offices since their organization, I refer you to Mint Report for 1894, page 156.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during

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the Month of July 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	,	Del. 56	, 20.00
2 Quar Dollars	,	" 35	, .50
Total	,		, $20.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles	,	Del. 43	, 40.00
Total	,		, $40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Half Dollars	,	Del. 4	, 1.00
Total	,		, $1.00

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J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

You will please notify this Bureau, by return mail, what is meant by "Bal. A/c. "Profit + Loss" as per your C.D. #640, for $1,082.33.

As there is no meaning or explanation in the words "Balance A/c. Profit + Loss" I will thank you to state exactly what the amounts represents. It is absolutely necessary to

know whether it is "Value of Surplus Bullion"; "Value of D. M. Room grains"; "Value of Supt. Sweep Bar"; "Gains on Bullion shipments", etc., before the C. D. can be properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Carson.

Sir:

C. D. No. 636 for $1.50 being on account of Sale of Old Material, Qr. endg. June 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 17th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 637 for $14.33 + Alloy Charges, Qr. endg. June 30, 1895 + 17th inst. + + personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 638 for $968.47 + Parting & Refining Charges + 17th inst. + personal credit + bullion + to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining bullion.

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C. D. No. 639 for $19.00 + Special Assays,
Ex. endg. June 30, 1895 + 17th inst. +
no personal credit + bullion + +
+ as a miscellaneous receipt.

July 26, 1895.

Messrs Merchant & Co.,
No. 517 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, you are respectfully informed that on account of some technicalities, I have not as yet approved the awards made for supplies for the Philadelphia Mint for the current fiscal year, but will take up and dispose of the same in a few days, and I know of no reason why the award of the contract for Bertha Spelter should not be awarded you, when the other contracts are taken up.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Eighty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Four $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars ($85,904.51) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and and Eighty-seven $\frac{30}{100}$

Dollars ($187.30) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eighty-six and Ninety-one 81/100 Dollars ($86,091.81) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver as shown by Memorandum No. 3 dated July 20, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages, Contingent, Refinery & Coinage of Sil. Bul. accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Account sent July 20, 1895.
" recd " 27, 1895.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Salary, + Contingent
Expense (including labor) + Assayer
+ Assay Office at Boise, Idaho
+ Month + June 30, 1895 +
+ + as required by law.
Account sent July 3, 1895.
" recd " 11, 1895.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 3, dated July 20, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 3 dated July 16, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $86,293.85; charges $202.04, and net value $86,091.81. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Salary, Wages, Contingent Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

+ + + Salary and

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Contingent (including labor) + month
+ June 30, 1895 + + +

July 27, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of July 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 Eagles	Del. 57 + 58	40.00
Total		$40.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

On my recent visit to Philadelphia, when in conversation with the Carpenter of your Mint, Mr. Hein, he requested a blue print of the space that would be allowed for the Mint exhibit at Atlanta.

I transmit herewith the same. I would state for your information that I am informed by the representatives of the Treasury Department, that we can have all the space we require.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Telegram Confirmed.

Inform the Engraver that the size of the medal for the Atlanta Exposition will be the same as the double eagle.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 27, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find voucher 149 of your contingent expense account for the month of June, bill of the Helena water Co., which is made up in so careless a manner as not to admit of verification. I will thank you to explain voucher and return it, at as early a date as practicable, as the account stands suspended pending its receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

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George Abbot, Esq.,
Care Brown Brothers Co.,
#30 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiries contained in letter of the 24th. instant, I have to say:-

1.- The Bank of England, although a private and not a Government institution, is required by the bank act of 1844 to purchase all gold of standard fineness (.916 2/3) at the rate of 3£, 17s. 9d., upon the following conditions, as laid down in Tate's Cambist, page 7; (a) that the gold must be melted by melters, appointed by the bank, in bars about 400 ounces in weight, charge 1/4d. per ounce. (b) that the bars be ~~then~~ assayed by an assayer appointed by the bank, the bank paying the assay charges. I find, however, that another authority, Ottomar Haupt, Arbitrages, page 457, says: that the gold has to be cast into bars of 204 ounces, and that the charge of assaying is 4s. 6d. per bar that, therefore, the total charge to be paid the bank amounts to 8s. 9d. per bar of 204 ounces. Which of these authorities is correct, I am unable to say. Haupt, however, wrote in 1894, and the last edition of Tate was issued in January 1893. The bank buys and sells foreign gold coins, at prices which it fixes itself. Tate, page 7 gives the following list:-

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	Buying Price per ounce.	Selling Price per ounce.
French Coins.	76s. 4½d.	76s. – 9d.
New Russian Coins.	76s. 4½d.	76s. – 7½d.
U. S. Coins	76s. 4½d.	76s. – 8d.
Dutch Coins	76s. 4½d.	76s. 8d.
German Coins	76s. 4½d.	76s. 9d.
Old Russian Imperials	77s. 7⅝d.	none in stock
New Spanish Alfonsos	76s. 2d.	ditto.
Older Spanish Cr., Piasters.	76s.	76s. 5d.

While Haupt gives this other:–

	Buying Price per. oz. Gross.
Twenty Mark Pieces	76s. 4½d.
Twenty Franc Pieces	76s. 4½d.
Old Imperials	76s. 4½d.
American Eagles	76s. 4½d.
Twenty Floin Pieces	76s. 4½d.
Ten Floin Pieces	76s. 4½d.
New Imperials	76s. 4½d.
Gold Alfonsos.	76s. 2d.

	Selling price per oz. gross.
Twenty Francs	76s. 9d.
American Eagles	76s. 8d.
German Crowns	76s. 9d.
Dutch 10 Floin Pieces.	76s. 9d.
Old Imperials	76s. 10½d.
Cut Sovereigns	77s. 10½d.
Fine Gold. (per ounce standard)	77s. 10½d.

These prices are changed from time to time, and as Tate remarks, it is noteworthy that both the purchasing and selling prices are considerably higher than in former years, revealing the banks desire to keep up the gold reserves. Gold bars which need to be sold at 77s. 11d. per ounce standard are no longer parted with.

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2nd. The coinage of gold is conducted free of all charge, for the public, and therefore, no charge is made for re-coinage. It is obligatory on the Royal Mint to take from everybody who desires it, bar gold for coinage, provided the value be not less than 10,000£, and for standard weight of metal the same weight of coins is delivered to him, without any expense, but that for assaying. In practice, however the bank is the only importer into the Mint. The Government coins no gold for itself, but like private individuals, procures its supplies from the Bank of England. Individuals have the option of depositing their gold at the Mint and receiving therefor, after a lapse of time, the same in the form of coins, at the rate of 3£, 17s. 10½d, or of selling it directly to the bank and receiving therefor 77s. 9d. per ounce. The latter course is nearly always preferred. The reason persons prefer to sell their gold to the Bank of England, is because the Mint is open only about two days a week, and they are required to wait two weeks before payment is made.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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A. B. Arnold, Esq.,
Mineral Wells, Texas.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, you are informed that the sack of sand you sent, as you were previously advised, contains merely

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a trace of gold, and neither this Bureau nor the Mints of the United States have any facilities for separating the same.

The sack is held subject to your orders. I cannot place the value of it, as you request, with the First National Bank at Witherford Texas. If you desire, the sack will be returned by express, at your expense.

Your letter to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the bag of sand sent to the Mint at New Orleans, some time since, has been referred to the Superintendent of that institution for report.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of July 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Double Eagles	Del. 44	40.00
Total		$ 40.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Half Dollars	Del. 5	1.00
Total		$ 1.00

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Official bonds of J. B. Eckfeldt, as Assayer, M. B. Boyd, as Assistant Melter & Refiner; and Edward L. Royal, as warrant clerk of your mint were approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury on the 23rd instant and have been referred to the appointment division of the Department for file.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco Cal.

The Official bonds + Hyman P. Bush as bookkeeper and Wm. M. Grissine as Register of Deposits + approved + 23rd inst + +

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Carson, Nev.

The Official bond of Pearis B. Ellis as Assayer + approved + 23rd inst + +

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

The Official bond of Henry J. Deuckla as Calculating Clerk + approved + 23rd inst. +

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C.D. No. 1 for $17.92, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint, fiscal year 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 23rd instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of your appropriation for contingent expenses, fiscal year 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C.D. No 656 for $19,266.38 + Net value surplus bullion recovered Fiscal year 1895 + 23rd inst. + + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C.D. No. 657 for $3161. + unexpended bal. of appropriation for wages of workmen of your mint fiscal year 1895 + 23rd inst. + personal credit + Ordinary + as a repayment to the credit of your appropriation for wages of workmen, fiscal year 1895.

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Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Please forward samples for assay from bars

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contained in shipment number seven from Carson.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, transmitting proposals received by you for printing twenty thousand copies of catalogue of coins and medals of the Cabinet of your Mint, forty-eight pages in all, your recommendation awarding the contract to the Avil Printing Company at $265.00 is approved, and you are authorized to have the same printed and pay the amount from your appropriation for contingent expenses, for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Approved:-
J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I return herewith proposals received by you for printing catalogue of the coins and medals in the Cabinet of the Mint.

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I would add that if the dates of the coins were given in the catalogue it would add to its value. The catalogue should be brought up to date.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant, I have to say that the proposal of W. M. Merrill to supply charcoal for the use of your office for the fiscal year 1895, is hereby approved at 32¢ per barrel.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to make up and forward to this Bureau, an invoice of gold bullion approximating $10,000,000. in value with a view of its transfer to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 25th instant, requesting a penalty stamp. I would state that it cannot be furnished by the Treasury Department; however, I enclose herewith a sample slip used by the Department which I think would answer your purpose and you are instructed to make a requisition for the number and exact size of the slip you desire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 27th instant, to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, relative to a flag for your building, I would say that I have approved the requisition, but payment must be made from your appropriation for "Contingent Expenses."

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 29, 1895.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:—

I have to-day caused to be mailed you three (3) copies of blank forms of Estimates of appropriations necessary for the support of your institution, during the fiscal year 1897.

You will observe that the law requires that these estimates be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury by the 1st of October. I will, therefore, thank you to forward them at the earliest practicable date.

To avoid delays on account of errors, you will cause the notes of instructions on the blanks to be closely followed.

No estimate will be submitted, except for absolutely necessary expenses, that are likely to be incurred during the year, and those for contingent expenses, must be itemized, as far as practicable, and the quantity and probable cost of each article will be given.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, to the following:

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

over.

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Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Missouri.

July 29, 1895.

Hon. J. C. Burrows,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 27th instant, I have to say, that the only countries whose mints are now open to the free coinage of silver are Mexico, Japan, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. These are all on a silver basis, and in all of them, gold is at a premium as it is in all countries in which the coinage of silver is free.

The ratio in Mexico is 1:16½; in Japan 1:16.18; and in the other countries 1:15½.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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David O'Leary, Esq.,
Naugatuck, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, requesting the ninth statistical abstract for 1885, you are advised that your letter has this day been referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics for action.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1895.

Scovill Manufacturing Co.,
Waterbury Connecticut.

Sirs:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Acting Chairman, World's Columbian Exposition, relative to the award made to M. P. Page, Group 106, Department "H" (Manufactures), requesting that the name of said exhibitor appear as Mary P. Page upon the medal awarded to her.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the

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sum of Sixty-seven Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-five $\frac{11}{100}$ Dollars ($67,295.11) in Gold Coin, and Seven Hundred and Fifty-six $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars ($756.92) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-eight Thousand and Fifty-two $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars ($68,052.03), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 3 dated July 26, 1895 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + Assay Office at Boise + Mint at Philadelphia + Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-two $\frac{85}{100}$ + ($11,962.85) + Ninety-nine $\frac{86}{100}$ + ($99.86) + total of Twelve Thousand and Sixty-two $\frac{71}{100}$ + ($12,062.71), + + Assayer + Assay Office at Boise + Memorandum No. 3 + July 26, 1895 + +

July 30, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 3 dated July 26, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 3 dated July 20, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $68,239.37; charges $187.34, and net value $68,052.03.

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For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 3 + July 26, 1895 + Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 3 + July 20, 1895 + + + +

$12,096.31;	+	$33.60	+ $12,062.71.

July 30, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of July 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters Dols.	Del. 36	.50
Total		$ .50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I send you today by express 51.35 ounces

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of mutilated gold and 2.17 ounces of coin to be paid for as mutilated gold coin. Also a bar of silver weighing 62.41 ounces; of this amount 23.20 standard ounces is to be paid for at standard silver dollar coinage rate, and the remainder, at subsidiary coinage rate.

You will please make the returns in currency as soon as convenient.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1895.

Hon Richard Olney,
Secretary of State.

Sir:

I would be greatly obliged to you, if you would cable to the United States Ambassador at St. Petersburg, Russia, to obtain and cable the production of gold and silver, respectively, in fine kilograms, in the Russian Empire, during the calendar year 1894.

This Bureau will pay the expenses of the cablegrams, upon presentation of the account.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1895.

W. P. Squire, Esq.,
San Jose, Cal.

Sir:

In answer to your communication of the 22nd instant, I enclose herewith a table giving the stock of gold and silver

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(and other valuable information), in the United States and all the principal countries of the world.

Also enclose tables giving the cost of all the Mints and Assay Offices and the appropriations made for the support of each.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Salary, and Contingent Expense (including labor) of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Charlotte and St. Louis, for the month ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

St. Louis acct sent July 5, 1895.
" " " rec'd " 8, 1895.
Charlotte acct sent " 6, 1895.
" " rec'd " 8, 1895.

July 30, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department

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for examination and settlement your Salary and Contingent (including labor) accounts for the month ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

July 30, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 443 for $24.96 being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for Contingent expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Statistical accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 31, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of July 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for especial assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 37	.50
Total		$ .50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 H. Eagles	Del. 45	10.00
Total		$ 10.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 H. Dollars	Del. 6	1.00
Total		$ 1.00

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and

two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Months of May & June 1895, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, to the following:-

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

July 31, 1895.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 30th instant, relative to the space allotted to the Mint exhibit at the Atlanta Exposition, I would state that no change can be made in the location of the press, as the erection of the foundation has already been commenced.

The blue print forwarded by you is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing a copy of the report of the Bookkeeper, Mr. Bush, upon certain entries in the books of Mr. Gorham, the former Coiner, to which your attention was called by Mr. Spotts the present Coiner, I have to say that the report of Mr. Bush is entirely satisfactory, but I would suggest that hereafter that the dust, filings etc., of the Coiner's Department should be melted, assayed and entered in the Bullion Accounts at least every quarter, and you will please see that this is done.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1895.

Henry T. Buffington, Esq.,
No. 48 Congress Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith, please find statements requested in your letter of the 16th instant. These statements have been prepared with every care in order to secure accuracy, hence the delay in their preparation.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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F. R. Forrest, Esq.,
Jewell City, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your postal of the 27th instant, I enclose herewith statement of the world's production of gold and silver.

In regard to the amount used in the industrial arts, I would state for your information that it is estimated that the amount of new gold used annually in the arts is about $52,500,000, and of silver $33,500,000.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1895.

American Box Machine Co.,
No. 18 Paper Street - Redcross St.,
London, England.

Sirs:-

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, you are respectfully informed that the medals of award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery early in September, and will probably be delivered to you through the American Minister.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, to the following:-
Messrs. Aula & Virgilio,
Trapani,
Sicily, Italy

over.

Messrs. Carl Thiel & Son,
Lubeck, Germany.

August 1, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-four $\frac{16}{100}$ Dollars ($77,974.16) in Gold Coin, and Eight Hundred and Thirty-two $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars ($832.72) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Six $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars ($78,806.88) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 4 dated July 27, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

To the Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at New York to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $10,095,014.44, payable in 542,607.024 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 4, dated July 27, 1895. of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 4 dated July 23, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $79,020.11; charges $213.23, and net value $78,806.88. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.
Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your Assay Office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of $10,095,014.44 payable in 542,607.024 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:-

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of $10,095,014.44, payable in 542,607.024 ounces of standard gold bullion

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I return by to-day's mail, the bids received by you for supplies required by your Mint during the current fiscal year, transmitted with your letter making the awards.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the Month of July 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint

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for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	,	Del. 60	, 10.00
2 Quarters	,	" 38	, .50
Total	,		, $10.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	,	Del. 46	, 40.00
Total	,		, $40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 H. Dollars	,	Del. 7	, 1.00
Total	,		, $1.00

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, three bills for advertising for proposals to furnish supplies for use of your Mint, during the fiscal year 1896 as follows: The Examiner $47.73, Evening Post $35.70, Cala. Dem-

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okrat $29.23, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the Accounting Officer of the Department, for adjustment and payment, one bill of the Great Southern Telephone and Telegraph Co., for rent of instruments from April 1 to June 30th 1895; amounting to $25.00; and a bill W. U. Telegraph Co. for service, amounting to 25¢ both bills payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your Abstract sheets of Deposits of Gold Bullion, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, are herewith returned to be copied on the proper Abstract sheets and in the proper manner. Your Accounts cannot be checked from the sheets forwarded; these sheets are to be used by Assay Offices only, (see

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communication dated May 5, 1895) from this Bureau, instructing you to forward them to Denver.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following awards for supplies for use of your mint, during the Fiscal year 1895, are approved, viz:-

Acid, Nitric, Carboys C.P.	$ .15	Per lb.
Ammonium Chloride #1	.16	" "
Ammonia, conc. C.P.	.12½	" "
Assay Furnace bottoms	1.50	Each
" " bridges	.25	"
Borax glass	.35	Per lb.
Bone ash #XX	.05	" "
" " rough	.04½	" "
Coke, 52 tons	5.75	" ton.
Coal, Rock Springs	5.29	" "
Crucibles:		
Plumbago, Dixon #10	.50	Each
" " #20	.80	"
" " #14	.55	"
Battersea "J."	.14	"
" "K."	.16	"
" "L."	.28	"
" "A."	.03	"
Plumbago stirrers	.30	"
Muffles 8"x12"x5½"	$1.00	"
Cupel moulds	2.25	"
Glass funnels	.30	"

over.

Fire Clay	.50	Per. cwt.
Flasks 32 oz	.30	Each
Lead Test C. P.	$12.00	Per. cwt.
Melting Furnace bottoms	2.00	Each.
" " tops	2.00	"
Mercury Bi-chloride	.80	Per. lb.
Potash cyanide of	.35	" "
" nitrate of	.10	" "
Soda, bi-carbonate of	.06	" "

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I return herewith, Certificate of Gold Deposit #152, for correction. The amount entered on your Abstract Sheets (which seems to be correct) is $255.22.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

The Baltimore Copper, Smelting & Rolling Co.,
Baltimore Maryland.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me the lowest price per pound at which you will furnish ten tons of the best ingot copper for shipment to the United States Mint at San Francisco, the same to be delivered

to the Quartermaster of the U. S. Army in your City.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

Messrs. Wm. Cameron & Bro.,
Petersburg, Virginia.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are informed that it is expected that the medals of award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery early in September.

It is probable that they will be delivered to exhibitors through the State Department, or through the representative of the United States at Melbourne.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

The Laura Nevins Range & Heating Co.,
No. 911 East 18th Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are informed that it is expected that that the medal of award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery early in September.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Fire Clay	.50	Per. cwt.
Flasks 32 oz	.30	Each
Lead Test C. P.	$12.00	Per. cwt.
Melting Furnace bottoms	2.00	Each.
" " tops	2.00	"
Mercury Bi-chloride	.80	Per. lb.
Potash cyanide of	.35	" "
" nitrate of	.10	" "
Soda, bi-carbonate of	.06	" "

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Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1895.

Francis Gorvin, Esq.,
No. 501 W. 31st. Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 31st. ultimo, enclosing a mutilated one dollar bill has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle.

August 2, 1895

Assay Office Boise
Fifty Thousand
50,000.—
lawful money
Assayer in Charge
Assistant Treasurer U.S. at Chicago and advice of credit be given by wire.

R. E. Preston.
Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Assay Office Charlotte
Twenty Thousand
8 70,000.— lawful money.
Assayer in Charge
Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

August 2, 1895.

Herman Kretz Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th ultimo, requesting authority to pay for watchmen from the appropriation for "Storage of Silver Building" I would state that I will approve your requisition for three hundred dollars ($300) per month, from this appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 2. 1895.

Herman Dietz Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Month ending June, 1895.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.
Director of the Mint.

August 2. 1895.

W. E. Ashby Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand dollars ($20,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1895.

J. M. Adams Esq.
Superintendent U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 24th ultimo, in reference to the accounts of Joseph A. Walker, and Nicholas R. Harris, I have to request that you will approve and return the same to this Bureau, when they will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" of your Mint, for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1895.

These expenses having been incurred prior to July 1st, they cannot be paid from the appropriation for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1895.

F. F. Church Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a Drafter of Fifty Thousand dollars ($50,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago, and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint.

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August 2, 1895.

F. F. Church Esq.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

The following awards for supplies for use of Mint, during the Fiscal year, 1895 are approved, viz:—

Acid. Nitric C.P.	7 dozen 7 lb. bottles	.19	per lb.
Alcohol, methylic	15 gallons	$1.50	" Gal.
Borax, crystalized	600 lbs.	.10	" lb.
Boric Acid #70.	700 lbs.	.05	" "
Crucibles:—			
" Dixon B.L. # 1	14 dozen	.19	Each
" " " " 2	6 "	24	"
" " " " 3	6 "	28	"
" " " " 4	6 "	33	"
" " " " 6	6 "	38	"
" " " " 8	4 "	44	"
" " " " 10	6 "	49	"
" " " " 12	4 "	57	"
" " " " 16	1 "	72	"
Stirrers B.L.	2 dozen	32	"
Gasoline	50 cases	$3.60	Per case
Lead (Bar) C.P.	350 lbs.	.08	" lb.
Nitre Crystalized	150 lbs.	.11	" "
Soda. Bi-carbonate		.07	" "

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 2. 1895.

Guy Bryan Esq.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant requesting authority to contract with the Bell Telephone Company, for the use of a telephone for one year, at the rate of one hundred dollars ($100.) per annum, you are informed that since, by the introduction of the telephone in your office, the services of a messenger were dispensed with, and a large saving effected, you are hereby authorized to contract with the Bell Telephone Company for the use of the telephone for one year from July first at one hundred dollars ($100.) per annum, payable in quarterly installments of twenty five dollars ($25.00) from your appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Approved:-
W. E. Curtis.
Acting Secretary.

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August 2. 1895.

Guy Bryan, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
St Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Inclosed herewith Assay Report on Gold Deposit # 110, – the silver fineness on the Abstract sheet is 936-1/2 while on the Assay Report it is 936. I should be pleased to know which is correct.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Hon. J. H. Gallinger,
Concord, New Hampshire.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo to the Secretary of the Treasury, I send you by today's mail, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1894, upon pages 44 – 45. of which you will find a statement of the amount of gold and silver estimated to be in use in the leading countries of the World.

Inclosed herewith a statement which will show you the amount in the United States on the 1st instant.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1895

H. H. Tokeyan, Esq.
#1 Madison Avenue.
New York, New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, you are respectfully informed that the medals of award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery early in September.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 3, 1895

To the
Comptroller of the Treasury

Sir:

The Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, has made application to employ an additional clerk for the period of five months, payment for such services to be made from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" of that Institution.

I will thank you to inform me if it would be proper to pay a clerk from an appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" provided the Secretary approved the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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August 3, 1895.

To the
Auditor for the Treasury Department.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York for the Quarter ending March 31. 1895. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Date a/c forwarded May 7, 1895.
" " received " 8, 1895.

August 3, 1895.

Superintendent U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 2nd instant, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Coiner, stating that the wood furnace in the whiting room is quite out of repair, and that it would facilitate that branch of the work if the old furnace were removed and one of the gas furnaces in the Rolling Room were substituted, received, and you are authorized to make the change.

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 3, 1895.

Herman Metz Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the month of August, 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:-

2 Eagles	Dec. 61	$70.00
4 Half Eagles	" 39 and 40	2.00
		$72.00

R. E. Preston
Director of Mint

August 3, 1895.

John Daggett Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco, California.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement on account of the Central Pacific (Southern Pacific System) Railway Co. for the transportation in the month of January, 1895, from Ogden, Utah to San Francisco, of 30740 lbs. of Bullion Copper, amounting to $52.16, consigned to your Care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, Fiscal Year, 1895.

Duplicate B/L herewith

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston.
Director of the Mint.

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August 3rd, 1895.

John Daggett Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint U.S. San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the Proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Union Pacific (including Omaha bridge) Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of January, 1895. from Council Bluffs to Ogden Utah of 70 Carts Ingot Copper, amounting to $66.00 consigned to your care, payable from the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year, 1895.

Duplicate B/L herewith.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint.

Similar letter:
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific
April 1894, from Chicago, to Council Bluffs.
70 carts Ingot Copper, amounting to $13.31.

R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to J. W. Adams, Supt U.S. Mint. Carson, Nevada. on Central Pacific (Southern Pacific System) – January, 1895. from and to San Francisco and Reno, Nevada. of Mint supplies, amounting to $80.77.
One duplicate B/L enclosed – the other missing.

August 3rd, 1895.

John Daggett Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint.
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

July 1895.
J. D. Eagles Del. 47. $40.00
$ 40.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 3rd, 1895.

Dorton Lage, Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint.
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th ultimo, in reference to purchasing supplies, you are respectfully informed that the Secretary has approved the awards of contracts made by you, and you are authorized to purchase under the same such supplies as may be required.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 3, 1895.

John J. McCurt Esq.
Griffin, Georgia

Sir:-

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo, a copy of the Director of the Mint on the Production of the Precious Metals for 1893, is sent you by today's mail. Also a copy of the Coinage Laws, from 1792 to 1894 inclusive, which contains the Act of February 12th, 1873, as well as the Act of Resumption of Specie Payments, approved January 14th, 1875.

I have no copies of Mulhall's tables of the Statistics of Gold and Silver.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1895.

A. H. Waters Esq.
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:-

In compliance with a request contained in your letter of the 30th ultimo I forward you by today's mail, copies of the Coinage Laws, from 1792 to 1894. The report of the Brussels Monetary Conference was published by the State Department and application should be made to that Department for a copy of the same. A copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1895 will be sent you when printed, which will be about the first of December.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston.
Director

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August 3, 1895.

Charles J. Lewis Esq.
Harrisonville, Missouri.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are informed that the publication, entitled "Coinage Laws of the United States and Specially revised to Origins first," was published under the auspices of the Senate Finance Committee, and you should make application to one of the Senators or Members from your District for the same, as the Treasury Department has no copies for distribution.

I am unable to forward you a copy of the Silver Commission of 1876 or a copy of the Monetary Conference of 1878, for the reason that the edition is exhausted. Your letter has been referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, under whose auspices the Statistical Abstract is published.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1895.

Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co.
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to furnish ten tons best Ingot copper, at 11 3/4 cents per pound, is accepted and you will please deliver the same to the Quartermaster of the U.S. Army, in your City, for shipment to the Mint at San Francisco, forwarding your account receipted in duplicate, accompanied by the Quartermaster's receipt.

R. E. Preston
Director

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August 3, 1895.

J. V. Prex Esq
Beaumont, Texas.

Sir:-

I forward you by today's mail a copy of the Coinage Laws with Appendix, revised to August 1, 1894. I am unable to supply you with reports of the Monetary Conference of 67-76-78 and 86. I also send you by today's mail a copy of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1893.

The only way in which you could obtain foreign coins would be through some Banks or Brokers, as the Treasury does not receive them.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint

August 3, 1895.

Robt Bias Esq
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find Check No. 11848, of Thomas J. Hobbs, Disbursing Clerk, upon the Treasury of the United States for $12.80, the same being in payment of your account against this Bureau to June 30, '95.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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Augst 3, 1895.

Messrs Rand, McNally & Co.
No. 61 East Ninth Street.
New York, N. Y.

Sirs:-

Enclosed herewith please find Check No. 588,972 of Thomas J. Hobbs, Disbursing Clerk, on the Assistant Treasurer, New York, for $23.50, the same being in payment of your account for Atlas furnished this Bureau.

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint.

Augst 3, 1895.

J. W. Adams, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Form No. 234 — Union Pacific (Main Line) for transportation in the month of February, 1895, from Rockingham, Wyo. to Ogden Utah, of 1 Car Load of Coal, amounting to 37.50.

Duplicate B/L therewith
R. E. Preston.
Director.

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Agust 3. 1895.

Andrew Mason Esq.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office.
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending March 3. 1895. with my approval.

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Director.

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August 5th, 1895.

To the Honorable,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that Miss Margaret E. Kelly, who now occupies an excepted place in this Bureau at twenty hundred dollars ($1200.) per annum, be transferred to an examination required class, at the same compensation.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 5, 1895.

Herman Kretz Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August, 1895, has been approved for the sum of $35,350.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:-

Salaries,	1896.	$3500.
Wages of Operatives,	1896,	25,000.
Contingent Expenses.	1896.	5000.
Parting and Refining Bullion		1.500.
Storage of Silver Bullion		350
		$35,350.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director

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August 5, 1895.

Similar letter to
Adam Mason Esq.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office.
New York, N.Y.

Moneys of August 1895. $13,600.00

Salaries	1896.	$3,300.
Wages of Operatives	1896.	2,500.
Cutting out Expenses	1896	800.
Melting & Refining Charges	1896.	7,000.

Respectfully Yours,
R.E. Preston
Director.

August 5, 1895.

Overton Cade Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages, Cutting out and Refinery Accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending July 31, 1895.

Respectfully Yours,
R.E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 5, 1895.

Orlando Cady Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Under date August. 1895 under
date of $9,950.50 under current fiscal
year:

Salaries	1896.	$2700.00
Wages of Mechanics.	1896.	7000.00
Parting & Refining Bullion		250.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1895.

Orlando Cady Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to the Act of June 19th, 1878 relating to the expenses of Parting and Refining Bullion (see page 68, Instructions and Regulations, edition of 1890.)

I find that, upon examination the amount of charges collected by you for Parting and Refining during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1895, were $1,105.35, while your expenses were $2,657.58. No advances can be made you hereafter for parting and refining in excess of the amount of charges collected by you for such operations.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 5, 1895.

N. F. Tucker Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
U.S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages and Contingent Expense Accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending July 31st, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1895.

N. F. Tucker Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Month of August 1895
$3,500.00

Salaries	1896.	$1200.
Wages of Watchmen	1896.	2000.
Contingent Expenses.	1896	300.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1895.

E. B. Braden Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to advise you that the Official bond of James A. Vancuren, as Deposit Clerk of your office, has been approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury and upon it, to

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appointment Division of this Department under, date of the 31st instant.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1895.

Guy Bryan Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
U.S. Assay Office St Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary and Contingent Expense including labor Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending July 31st, 1895.

R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1895.

Guy Bryan Esq.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
St Louis, Missouri.

Sir:-

Month August 1895.
$ 452.70.

Salaries	1896.	$ 252.70
Contingent Expenses		200

R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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Maj. E. Ashby Ex.
Paymaster Charge U.S. Army Offices
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:-

Month August, 1895.
$ 23.70.
Salaries 1896. $ 23.70.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint.

August 6, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlile
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco, by wire.

R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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To the Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Mr. Benjamin F. Butler, Computer of Bullion in the Bureau of the Mint, be designated under the provisions of Section 3562, to act as Director of the Mint, during the temporary absence of the Director from any cause.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1895.

To the Chief Clerk
of the Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo you are respectfully informed that the only newspaper taken by this office and paid for from the appropriation for "Books, Pamphlets, and Periodicals" for the office of the Director of the Mint, is the "Journal of Commerce, and Commercial Bulletin", the subscription price of which is twelve dollars ($12.00) per annum.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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To the
Supervising Architect.

Sir.

Having been directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to proceed to the City of Denver, Colorado, as an agent of the Department to make a personal examination of such parcels of land in said City as may be suitable for a site for the proposed new Mint building, and authorized by him to take from the files of the Department, including the files of the Supervising Architect's Office, any communication making proposals for the sale of a site for said Mint building I will thank you to forward to me any offers that may have been received or are on file in your office, that I may familiarize myself with the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Supervising Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York N.Y.

Please ascertain and telegraph today what one and one half million dollars paid in legal tender of money of Spain would produce in U.S. money.

R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint
Treasury Department.

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August 6. 1895.

Andrew J. Mason Esq.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Inclose herewith four samples of gold bullion; which I will thank you to cause to be assayed, and the results reported to this Bureau, as early as practicable.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 6. 1895.

J. H. Adams Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco in gold coin, by wire.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 6. 1895.

E. B. Braden Esq.
Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: —

— August, 1895. —
$7400.00

Salaries	1896	$700.
Wages of Workmen	1896	1200.
Contingent Expenses	1896	500.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint.

August 6. 1895.

E. B. Braden Esq.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 20th, 1895, requesting authority to employ an extra clerk for the period of five months, to be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses at the rate of four dollars and fifty cents ($4.50) per diem, I would state that it is not permissible to pay for labor hire from the Contingent Appropriation, but you are authorized to appoint an Assistant in the General Department for a period of five months, with compensation of $4.50 per diem, payable from the appropriation "For Wages of Workmen." I am aware that this will create a deficiency in that appropriation but I do not think that there will be any difficulty in getting Congress to supply the same.

I shall ask for such an amount

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as may be found necessary, in the immediate Deficiency Bill, when Congress assembles.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1895.

John L. Thomas, Esq.
Ass't Attorney General,
Post Office Department.

Sir:

In answer to your communication of the 3rd instant, I send you by today's mail a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year, 1894.

Russia and India are silver standard countries. Japan has a double standard. Chile is the only country that has gone to the gold standard in the last year. I do not know what other countries are making arrangements to adopt the single gold standard.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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Eugene T. Blair Esq.
Scio, New York.

Sir:

In reply to your postal you are informed that the proof coins are included in the total coinage of each year.

I have no statements that give the number of proof coins struck each year, separate from the other coinages.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 6. 1895.

John Fraser Esq.
#9. Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo I beg to state that I am informed by the Supervising Architect that he has not as yet commenced work on the plans for the new mint at Philadelphia, but hopes to be able to do so in the course of the present month.

No Superintendent of Construction will be appointed until the plans are completed and ready for the work to be commenced.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1895.

Joseph H. Shinn Esq.
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, you are respectfully informed that it is expected that the Treasury Department will be able to deliver the medals and diplomas before the first of October.

If the authority to distribute is given to the Department, the distribution will be made then, but unless you have special authority from the exhibitors entitled to medals to receive the same, the Department would not feel free, to deliver the medals to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 6, 1895.

W. W. Quartermas Esq.
Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, you are respectfully informed that the Gold Coins of the United States as originally issued did not have on the rim the words units or dollars.

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 7, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty-six thousand Two Hundred and Forty eight $\frac{85}{100}$ Dollars ($26,248.$\frac{85}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Fifty-nine $\frac{08}{100}$ Dollars ($59.$\frac{08}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Twenty-six Three hundred and Seven $\frac{86}{100}$ Dollars. ($26,307.$\frac{86}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by memorandum No 7. dated August 3. 1895. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to Secretary:
Assay Office at Boise.

Twenty thousand two hundred and thirty three $\frac{51}{100}$ ($20,233.$\frac{51}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Two hundred and ten dollars $\frac{37}{100}$ ($210.$\frac{37}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty thousand, Four hundred and Forty three $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars ($20,443.$\frac{88}{100}$).

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Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint.

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August 6, 1895.

Auditor for the Treasury Department.
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages and Contingent Expenses accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena for the month ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Helena account sent in no letter
" " received in " "

Similar letter:
Auditor Treasury Department.
" U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C.
" month ending June 30, 1895.

August 6, 1895.

Andrew Mason Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Assay Office
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I invite that you to make up and forward to this Bureau, an invoice of gold bullion, approximating $10,000,000. in value with a view to its transfer to the Mint at Philadelphia for conversion into coin.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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August 6, 1895.

Herman Kretz Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find Treasury Draft No. 74701, for $372.9, in payment of special assay coins, forwarded to this Bureau during the quarter ended June 30th, 1895.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to.
John Daggett Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint San Francisco Cal.
Treasury Draft No. 6564 for $566.80.
Quarter ended June 30, 1895.

Antony Cade Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint, New Orleans La
Treasury Draft No. 5003.
$176.40 Quarter ended June 30th, 1895.

August 7, 1895.

Herman Kretz Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

August, 1895.

2 Half Dollars	Des. 47	$1.00
2 Eagles	" 69	20.00
2 Half Eagles	" 63.	10.00
		$31.00

R. E. Preston
Director.

August 7, 1895.

John Daggett Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco, California

Sir:

— June 1895. —
6 D. Eagles Dels 48-49-50 $ 120.00
Total. $ 120.00

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1895.

J. H. Adams Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir.

C. D. No. 640 for $ 1082.33 bring on account of Value of Surplus Bullion received F.Y. end. June 30, 1895. inclosed in your communication of the 17 ult. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury — personal credit, to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director.

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August 7, 1895.

Dorton Lamb Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
New Orleans La.

Sir:

August, 1895.
Half Dollars Del. 8 $ 1.00.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1895.

W. E. Ridey Esq.
Assayer in Charge, Assay Office.
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, No. 7, dated Aug. 3, 1895, of Gold Bullion, forwarded by you, to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 7, dated July 31, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $ 26,369 06 charges $ 61 20 and net value $ 26,307 86. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund, of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 7. 1895.

W. E. Ardery Esq.
Assayer U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Salary Wages and Contingent &c. accounts for the month ending July 31. 1895. with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Similar letter to
E. B. Braden Esq. Assayer U.S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana.
" month ending June 30th 1895.

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F. F. Church Esq.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit memorandum No. 4. dated Aug. 3. 1895. of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 4. dates July 27. 1895. has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $20,499.$\frac{07}{100}$: charges $55.$\frac{24}{100}$, and net value $20,443.$\frac{88}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint

at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1895

E. G. T. Coles Esq Co.
260 South Jefferson Street
Chicago, Illinois.

Sirs:-

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant you are informed that the medals of award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery early in September.

Your letter has been referred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time of the delivery of the diplomas.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 7, 1895.

H. Hayden Jensen Esq.
30 36th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir.

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, you are informed that the medals of award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery early in September.

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1895.

Scovill Manufacturing Co.,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Sirs:-

Will you please change the address of Miss Hattie A. Proctor, an exhibitor who received an award in Group 151, Department of Liberal Arts, to 404 Potter Avenue Buffalo, New York.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of One Hundred and Twelve Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-two $\frac{01}{100}$ Dollars ($112,172.\frac{01}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Eight hundred and Seven $\frac{72}{100}$ ($807.\frac{72}{100}$) in Silver Coin, amounting a total of One Hundred Twelve Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy Nine $\frac{73}{100}$ ($112,979.\frac{73}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum, N.H. dated August 5. 1895. of said Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 8, 1895.

Herman Kretzschmar Esq.
Superintendent Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

August, 1895 —
2 Quarters Dec. 43. $.50
.50

Total
Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1895.

Overton Cragg Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
New Orleans La.

Sir:

August, 1895.
2 Half Dollars Dec. 10 $1.00
2 Quarters " 11 .50
Total $1.50
Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 8, 1895.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your Statements of production Forms No. 60, 61, and 62 for the fiscal year June 30, 1895. I find you have credited Nevada on your annual statement, Form No. 61, with producing 47,498.478 standard ounces of gold while the aggregate of the three monthly statements is 47,498.439 standard ounces. This error is carried forward on Form 60.

On Form No. 61, you have entered 1,636.93 standard ounces silver as refined Bullion and again entered the same amount on Form 60. The first entry is incorrect, and the figures should appear only on Form 60 as a withdeposit of fine bars. The figures 1,636.93 however are wrong. No entry in the monthly statements received during the fiscal year warrants the figures you have inserted and the only amount reported was 267.45 standard ounces in September.

On Form No. 62, you have reported 35,699.809 standard ounces of fine gold bars manufactured and 516,121.30 standard ounces of fine silver bars manufactured. The monthly statements show you have prepared 35,699.789 standard ounces of gold bars and 516,163.65 standard ounces of silver bars.

Kindly thank you to prepare and forward corrected statements.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 8, 1895.

Superintendent U.S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Please forward your requisition for blank forms and envelopes to be used in collecting mining statistics for the year 1895, with samples attached specifying quantities desired.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to
Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint
Denver, Colo.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.
Assayer in Charge
Boise, Idaho.
Assayer in Charge
Helena, Montana

August 8, 1895.

E. B. Braden Esq.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir.-

Deposit Memorandum No. 1, dated Aug. 5, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 1 dated July 31, 1895 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $113,267.18; Charges $287.45 net value $112,979.73. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested

From the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 9, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Carson, to that of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco of the sum of Sixty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty One $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars ($63,781$\frac{43}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Fifteen Hundred and Twenty-Seven $\frac{12}{100}$ Dollars (1527\frac{12}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Eight $\frac{55}{100}$ Dollars ($65,308$\frac{55}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Carson, as shown by Memorandums No 338-341. dated June 17, 1895. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 9. 1895.

Herman Kretz Esq.
Supt U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of yesterday enclosing letter from the Engraver, requesting that he be furnished with some of the blanks intended to be used in striking the Dominis medals, at the Atlanta Exposition, you are informed that I have this day written the Scovill Manufacturing Company, to forward him a lot of blanks, for the purpose of testing the dies.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 9. 1895.

Herman Kretz Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir.

Enclosed herewith find the account of the United States Express Company, amounting to $4.038. for the transportation of $10,095,014.44 in gold bullion from the U.S. Assay Office at New York to your Mint, which sum is payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 9, 1895.

Herman Kretz Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages, Contingent, Refinery and Melting Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31, 1895.

Respectfully Yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint.

August 9, 1895.

Herman Kretz Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

August 1895

J Harf Eagles	Dr. bl.	$10.00
	Total	$10.00

Respectfully Yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 9, 1895.

Supt. Mint W.S.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir.

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of July, 1895 and forwarded for test as prescribed by its Regulations.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1895.

Hannan Pretz Esq.

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant, I need state that it was my intention in my letter of the 2nd instant, to authorize you to draw from the appropriation for the Storage of Silver Bullion $350. monthly, and which you are now authorized to do.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 9, 1895.

John Daggett Esq
Superintendent U.S. Mint
San Francisco, California

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find an equivalent of gold in return for assay slips sent to the Bureau for check assay. While the check assays do not in all cases confirm your results, your figures will be accepted as correct.

An examination of the slips sent by you showed more or less oxide or other foreign matter, supposed to be dirt from the outside of the Bar. As the assay must be loaned by the foreign matter which is weighed out as gold, it is suggested that in future, when taking samples for assay the outside chip be first removed and the sample be taken from the clean surface thus exposed.

This method gives satisfactory results at the other Mints, and it is hoped that by adopting it there will be no further trouble between your Mint and Assay City.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 9, 1895

John Daggett Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
San Francisco, California.

Sir:
I return by today's mail, contracts for supplies, duly approved.

R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1895.

Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco, California.

Sir:
I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of July, 1895, and forwarded by test as prescribed by the regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limit of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 9, 1895.

J. H. Adams Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Institution during the month of August, 1895, has been approved for the sum of $2,900.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year:

Salaries	1896.	$1,200.00
Wages of Workmen	1896	1,200.00
Contingent Expenses	1896	500.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 9, 1895.

J. H. Adams Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages and Contingent Expenses Accounts and Vouchers for the month ending July 31, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director.

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August 9, 1895.

J. H. Adams Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 338-341, dated July 17, 1895 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco Shipment No. 7, dated June 20, 1895 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $65,308.55 charges ——— net value $65,308.55. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution, to that of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Director.

August 9, 1895.

Supt. Mint U.S.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent delivery lots each when at your mint during the month of June, 1895, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limit of tolerance.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 9, 1895.

Andrew Mason Esq.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages, Contingent and Refining Expense Accounts, Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending July 31, 1895. Also supplemental account for fiscal year June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Telegram.
Assayer U.S. Assay Office
Boise, Idaho.

Leave of absence granted as requested. Robinson to act.

R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Chicago Treasury Department.

August 9, 1895.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Assn.
No. 50 Wall Street
New York, New York.

Sirs:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I would state that as soon as the report of the Director of the Mint on the Precious Metals for 1894 is printed, the copies requested by you will be forwarded.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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August 9, 1895.

S. T. Dingsby Esq.
Valdosta, Georgia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th instant to the Hon. Hoke Smith, has been referred by that Gentleman to this Bureau, and I forward you by today's mail, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1894. upon pages 75-76 and 270 of which you will find the appropriations made by Congress for the support of the Mints. On page 89, you will find a tabulated statement of the cost of coinage per piece at each Mint. The cost of mining silver depends entirely upon the class of ores worked. There are some ores in the United States that can be worked very cheaply, while others are very expensive.

In 1887, Dr. J. P. Kimball, the then Director of the Mint, estimated the average cost of producing an ounce of silver, to be about fifty-two cents. Others estimate it, to be seventy-seven cents and over.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 9, 1895

Scovill Manufacturing Company.
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

The Atlanta Exposition authorities have decided to use a blank for the souvenir medals of the size of the double eagle, and the Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia, who is engraving the dies, requests that he be furnished with some of the blanks in order to test the dies before they leave the mint.

I write thank you to forward him a supply, say about one or two pounds.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1895.

Dr. Louis W. Koch,
Fairfax, Minn.

Sir:

In reply to your request of the 5th instant, I send you by today's mail, a copy of the Finance Report, on page 143, you will find the Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 9, 1895.

Hon. Thomas Settle,
Reidsville, North Carolina.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant requesting that a report of the Director of the Mint be sent Mr. T. Allan, I would state that the edition is entirely exhausted, but I have sent to Mr. T. Allan's address, a copy of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, which contains a large part of the former.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 9, 1895.

Hans R. Newstam, Esq.
Winchester, Scott Co. Illinois.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 6th instant, to the Treasurer of the United States, enclosing what you suppose to be "a nugget of gold ore" has been referred to this Bureau.

Return the same herewith with the information that it is pyrites of iron and of no value.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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To the Honorable,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that orders for railroad transportation from Lomnicis Blupps, Iowa to Ogden, and from Ogden to Reno, Nevada and return be furnished George O. Baker, payment for the same to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, U. S. Mint, at Carson City, for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 10, 1895

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Eleven Thousand and Fifty two dollars, $\frac{92}{100}$, ($11,052 $\frac{92}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Fifty two $\frac{39}{100}$ dollars ($152 $\frac{39}{100}$) in silver coin making a total of Eleven thousand Two hundred and five $\frac{31}{100}$ ($11,205 $\frac{31}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, as shown by memorandum No. 5 dated August 7, 1895, of gold bullion deposited at said mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston

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Similar letters to
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint at Denver — to Mint at Philadelphia — One hundred and three thousand, Two hundred and Twenty one $\frac{24}{100}$ dollars ($103,221 $\frac{24}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Three hundred and sixty-six $\frac{64}{100}$ ($366 $\frac{64}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of One hundred and Three thousand Five hundred and Eighty seven $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars ($103,587 $\frac{88}{100}$)
— Mint at Denver — Memorandum No. 6 — August 5, 1895.

— Mint at Denver to mint at Phila. Eighty thousand Four hundred and Sixty six $\frac{04}{100}$ dollars ($80,466 $\frac{04}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Five hundred and ninety three $\frac{59}{100}$ dollars ($593 $\frac{59}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Eighty-one Thousand and Fifty-nine $\frac{63}{100}$ ($81,059 $\frac{63}{100}$)
United States Mint at Denver
Memo. No. 5. Aug. 5, 1895.

August 10, 1895.

John L. Taggart Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for August has not been received and under the new rules of the Department governing advances funds would not have been allowed unless the requisition was made today which I have caused to be done. Pending the receipt of your requisition, which you

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will please cause to be mailed upon the receipt of this communication, and in the future you will forward it in time to reach this Bureau not later than the eighth of the month for which it is rendered.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 10, 1895.

John Daggett Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
San Francisco, California

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Institution during the month of August, 1895, has been approved for the sum of $24,000. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year.

Salaries	1896.	$3,500.
Wages of Workmen	1896.	15,000.
Contingent Expenses.	1896	3,000.
Parting and Refining	1896.	2,500.
		24,000.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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August 10, 1895.

Herman Feltz Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 9th instant, requesting a supply of Gold Mint Receipts, I have to state that ten books containing 18,000 receipts were mailed on the 7th instant as per letter of advice and should have reached your Mint Thursday morning.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 10, 1895.

Herman Feltz Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

August, 1895.

2 Half Eagles	Dec 65	$10.00
2 Quarters	" 44	50
Total		$10.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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August 10, 1895.

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Please ascertain from District Attorney and telegraph orders Mason will be required

R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Charge Treasury Department.

August 10, 1895.

F. F. Church Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 5, dated August 7, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 5, dated July 31, 1895 has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $11,736.59 Charges $31.28; net value $11,205.31

For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 10, 1895.

W. J. Puckett Esq.
Assayer, U.S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Deposit memorandum No. 6, dated Aug. 5, 1895. of gold bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 6. dated July 31. 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $103,827 $\frac{99}{100}$: charges $240 $\frac{11}{100}$, and net value $103,587 $\frac{88}{100}$

For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to
W. J. Puckett Esq.

Deposit Memorandum No. 5, Aug. 5, 1895 — Shipment No. 5. dated July 31, 1895 has been received and examined at this Bureau — Gross value $81,272 $\frac{13}{}$ charges 212 $\frac{50}{}$: net value $81,059 $\frac{63}{}$.

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Hon. R. Q. Mills,
United States Senate.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiries of current date, I would say that the capacity of the Mint at Philadelphia, when first opened for circulation in 1793, was from five to six million dollars per year.

Between 1793 and December 31st, 1805, there had been coined by the Mint in gold $5,284,660; in silver dollars $1,439,517; in half dollars $393,598.50; in quarter dollars $33,569.50; in dimes, $30,440.60; half dimes, $13,277.15.

In 1806 President Jefferson directed that the coinage of silver should be limited to denominations not exceeding the half dollar. You will observe that the total fractional silver coinage from 1793 to 1805 inclusive, aggregates only $847,885.75. Having been shown that the silver dollars were exported almost as soon as received from the Mint, the President directed the suspension of their coinage. There is no doubt but that this was a wise measure, for the reason that all the evidence we can obtain shows that the amount of domestic fractional silver coin in circulation commenced to increase from this date.

In 1879 a new Mint was built in Philadelphia, which increased the coinage capacity to from fifteen to twenty million dollars per annum. In 1834 new mints were provided for at Charlotte

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August 10, 1895.

W. J. Puckett Esq.
Assayer, U.S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

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North Carolina, Dahlonega, Georgia and at New Orleans. The coinage of the Mint at Dahlonega and Charlotte was confined to gold. The object in establishing the Mint at New Orleans was for the purpose coining such gold and silver as might be received from Mexico, the Central and South American States, for domestic circulation and thus avoid transportation to Philadelphia.

It was also believed that the establishment of a Mint at New Orleans, would greatly tend to increase the commerce between the United States and the countries above named.

I know of no large stock of silver bullion awaiting coinage except that held by the Government of the United States.

Trusting that these may be satisfactory answers to your inquiries,

I am,

Yours very truly,

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint.

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August 12, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.) by a transfer of that amount in large money and that the sum be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Institution with the First National, Colorado National and Denver National Bank, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1895.

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I forward you by today's mail, blank forms of invoices and labels to be used in shipping articles from your mint, intended for the Atlanta exposition.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 17, 1895.

Herman Stutz Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

August, 1895
2 Quarties Del. 45 $.50
Total .50

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Orlon Cade Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

August 1895.
2 Quarts Del. 12. $ .50
Total .50

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint

Telegram.
Anamy Mass,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office Nowyork, N.Y.

Superintendent Adams telegraphs the District Attorney says it is essential that you should be at Carson on the nineteenth instant"

R. E. Preston
Director Mint

Chief Treas. Dept.

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April 17, 1895.

W. J. Puckett Esq.
Assayer, U.S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado

Sir:
I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000). and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National, Colorado National and Denver National Bank, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Aug. 12, 1895.

F. F. Church Esq.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages, and Contingent Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

P.S. In the future you will forward a letter of transmission with your accounts.

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April 19, 1895.

Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n.
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sirs:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, I would state that the medals of awards of the World's Columbian Exposition will be delivered in September next.

No cuts or facsimiles will be furnished prior to the delivery of the medals. Your letter has been referred to Chief of Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time of the delivery of the diplomas.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 19, 1895.

H. Hebbitts Esq.
#1034 3rd Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the conversation had with you a few days since in reference to the Sharp Calculating Machines, I have to request that you will state the lowest price at which you will furnish two of these machines of double the capacity of the one left with this Bureau for trial.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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August 10, 1895.

Miss Mary L. Hibbard
Omaha Public Library.
Omaha, Nebraska.

Miss:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, you are informed that the coinage of the $3. gold piece was authorized by the Act of Congress, approved February 21st, 1853, and was discontinued by the Act of September 26th, 1890. The total number of these dollar pieces coined was 539,799, of the value of $1,619,376.

No coins of the denomination of $50. were ever authorized or coined at the Mints of the United States. But prior to the establishment of the Mints of the United States at San Francisco, private Assayers in the City stamped and issued a disc of the value of $50. Some of which were round and others octagonal in shape. Sets of proof coins can be obtained for the current calendar year, upon application to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully Yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint.

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August 10, 1875.

Martin L. Lamoreux Esq.
Editor "Industrial News"
Jackson, Michigan.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, you are informed that prior to April 1st, 1873, the date the Act of February 12th, 1873, took effect, persons coming bring to the Mint silver bullion of standard fineness, that is, containing nine parts of silver and one of alloy, (copper) and have the same converted into silver dollars at a charge of one half of one cent per piece, but the Government did not retain ten percent. of the bullion as seigniorage.

When bullion is brought to the mints that requires to be parted and refined there is a charge for this operation equal to the expense of the same. And when it becomes necessary to add copper alloy a charge at the rate of two cents per ounce is made for the amount of copper it is necessary to use to reduce the bullion to standard fineness, namely nine hundred.

Since 1853, subsidiary silver coinage, halves, quarters and dimes, has been on Government account only. From silver bullion purchased for the purpose. Prior to 1873, gold was coined on the same terms as silver dollars. The Act of 1873, reduced the charge for coining gold to one-fifth of one percent. This charge was repealed by the Act of January 14, 1875, since which date, the coinage of gold has been free.

What is now termed seigniorage, is the difference between the cost of the silver in a dollar and its face value. For instance at the average price ($0.9244 per ounce) paid for the silver purchased under the Act of June 14th, 1890, the cost of the bullion in a silver dollar is $0.715 cents, which would give a seigniorage of $0.285 on each dollar coined from such bullion.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty Thousand Six hundred and Fifty-two $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars ($20,652.15) in Gold Coin, and One hundred and Ten and $\frac{73}{100}$ Dollars ($110.73) in silver coin, making a total of Twenty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-two $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars ($20,762.88) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office in Boise, as shown by memorandum No. 6. dated Aug. 10, 1895 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint.

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August 13, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is very desirable that you should cause a supply of hay-dockets to be coined as early as practicable, as I am informed by the Treasurer that there is an urgent demand for them, especially in Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 13, 1895.

J. W. Adams Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

The United States District Attorney for Nevada, having requested that an Operative of the Secret Service who was unknown in your State, should be detailed for duty in connection with the trial of the parties charged with the embezzlement of gold bullion from the Refinery of your Mint, I have to inform you that it has been found impracticable, under the law to detail a party for this service, and to avoid all difficulty, it has been decided that you should appoint Mr. Geo. D. Baker, the party who was designated for detail, as an Assistant in your Mint at a compensation of eight dollars ($8.00) per day

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including Sundays. This will cover both his per diem ($5.00) per day and his subsistence ($3.00 per day)

I have to request therefore, that you will date Mr. Baker's appointment as an Assistant from the earliest instance. He has been instructed to report to the United States District Attorney at Reno, Nevada.

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1895.

Telegram
Supt. U.S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

If in the judgment of the District Attorney and yourself, additional counsel should be employed at the trial of the parties charged with the embezzlement of gold bullion from the Mint, I think it can be procured if you will telegraph the necessity. Please act promptly.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Change Treasury Department.

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Aug. 13, 1895

F. F. Church Esq.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

A Deposit memorandum, No. 6, dated Aug. 10. 1895. of gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 6, dates Aug. 3. 1895. has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $17,797 71/100 charges $34 83/100: and net value $17,762 88/100.

For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Aug. 13, 1895.

E. B. Braden Esq.
Assayer U.S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages and Contingent Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending July 31, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

P.S. You will please forward in the future with your accounts, a letter of transmittal.

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August 13, 1895.

William B. Hughes Esq.
Deputy Quartermaster General U.S. Army.
Bank of Baltimore Building
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Yours of the tenth received: I regret the omission to notify you to receive ten tons of copper from the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co., for shipment to the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, California.

I will thank you to receive and forward the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1895.

Charles A. Jones Esq.
U.S. District Attorney.
Reno, Nevada.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith a letter addressed to Mr. J. H. Adams, Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Carson, Nevada, which you will please hand to Mr. George O. Baker, who will report to you for duty in connection with the embezzlement of gold bullion from the Mint at Carson City.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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Edward H. Pollard Esq.
"No Where Annex M.E."
Roanoke Va.

Sir.

Your letter of the 10th instant, Enclosing a piece of gold bullion has been opened to this Bureau by the Treasurer of the U.S. and the same has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to return the value of the gold to you, less the charges

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1895.

Hon. Thomas C. MacRae
Prescott, Arkansas.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant you are respectfully informed that the value of the gold bullion held by the Government on the twelfth day of August, 1895, was $59,787,727.33. (See statement enclosed herewith) You will also find an extract of the rules governing the Mints and Assay Offices, which will give you the charges on gold bullion deposited at these Institutions.

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1895.

The Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland.
Baltimore, Maryland

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 10th instant, I enclose herewith form of bond that will be required to be executed by your Company, as security for F. J. Gross Assistant Assayer U.S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1895.

Wm. L. White Esq.
Asst Trust Officer, The City Trust, Safe Deposit Surety Co. of Philadelphia.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant enclosing bond of William Mann Lynch, Assistant Assayer of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans has been received.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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August 14, 1895.

To the Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States ~~Mint~~ Assay Office at New York to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $10,010,716.37, payable in 538,076.007 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint.

August 14, 1895.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of $10,010,716.37 payable in 538,076.007 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint.

Telegram. August 14, 1895.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

When will you be able to make shipments of press and other articles to Atlanta? Answer by wire today

R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Charge Treasury Department

August 14, 1895

Herman Stetz Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

August, 1895 ——
2 Quarters Dec. 46, $.50
2 Halves " 47, 1.00
Total —— $1.50

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint
Aug. 14, 1895

Oscar Lagg Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

—— August, 1895. ——
2 Quarters Dec. 13. $.50
Total —— $.50

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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August 14, 1895

John L. Daggett Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco, California

Sir.

The following coins, received at your Mint during month August, 1895.

J. Haydens Dol. 50¢ $1.00
Total 1.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of Mint

August 14, 1895.

John Daggett Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
San Francisco California

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary Wages, Contingent Parting and Refining and Coinage of Silver Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending July 31, 1895

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 14, 1895

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made, from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia of the sum of $10,010,716.37 payable in 538,076.007 ounces of Standard Gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1895.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed inventory for machinery, furniture, fixtures etc., on hand at your Mint on the 30th of June, 1895, the same is returned to you in order that you may place opposite the articles named, the value of the same.

In case of supplies which have not been used, the original cost should be given.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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F. F. Church Esq.
Assayer U.S. Assay Office
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Institution during the month of August, 1895, has been approved for the sum of $1257.10, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1896.	$269.60
Wages of Workmen	1896.	987.50
Contingent Expenses	1896.	

Requisitions for funds should reach this Bureau before the 10th of the month for which they are rendered.

Respectfully Yours.
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1895.

Scovill Manufacturing Company.
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

I am informed by the Acting Chairman of the World's Columbian Exposition that the address of Angelo Bonelli, an Exhibitor in Group 149, Class 846, Department of Liberal Arts, has been changed to No. 147 Bleecker Street, Fugozi's Block, New York City.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 14, 1895.

Gottlieb Lange Esq.
Chemnitz, Germany.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo, you are respectfully informed that it is expected that the medals of Award of the Woman's Columbian Exposition will be delivered early in September.

No photographs or drawings of the medal will be furnished prior to their delivery.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1895.

Hub Gore Mason.
Boston, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, you are informed that it is expected that the medals will be delivered early in September. Your letter has been referred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time of the delivery of the diplomas.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to
John E. Sagar Esq.
St. Thomas, Ontario

Stevens Armstrong
Box 493, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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August 15, 1895

Auditor for the
Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Salary, Wages, and Contingent accounts of the Superintendent of the US Mint at Carson for the Month Ending July 31. 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director

Letter of transmittal dated Aug 3. 1895
Accounts received at the Bureau Aug. 9. 1895

Similar letter to Auditor, except as noted: × × × × × ×
× × Assayer in Charge, Assay Office at Helena × × × and Boise
Letter of transmittal dated Aug 7. 1895. Boise:- Aug 5. 1895
Received at the Bureau Aug 13. 1895. " " 9 "

August 15. 1895

Herman Kretz, Esq.
Supt, US Mint, Phila. Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 14th inst, you are authorized to purchase in your city 10,000 tags as per sample enclosed.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 15. 1895

Herman Kretz, Esq
Supt, US Mint, Phila. Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of August 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters, Sel. 48	.50
Total	.50

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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August 15, 1895

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.
Assayer US Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th inst, requesting six receipt books, I would state that you can purchase the ordinary receipt books in your city which I think will answer your purpose.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 15, 1895

E. B. Braden, Esq.
Assayer, US Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst, you are authorized to pay Thomas G. Hathaway, employed temporarily as Assistant for the month of July on the August pay-roll at the rate of $4.50 per day

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 15, 1895

E. B. Braden, Esq.
Assayer, US Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have examined & referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for Examination & settlement your Salary, Wages & Contingent accounts for the month Ending July 31, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Similar letter to:-

Assayer, US. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho, &
Superintendent US Mint, Carson City, Nev.

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Telegram

Superintendent, US Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Matter referred in telegrams of the thirteenth arranged satisfactorily. District Attorney's recommendation approved

R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 15. 1895

J. F. Hilder, Esq.
Care of US Assay Office, New York. N. Y.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find vouchers upon which you will render your account for expenses incurred in visiting the Mints at San Francisco and the Assay Office at Boise City and Helena.

It will be necessary for you, to render an account covering the period from the date of your leaving New York up to and including June 30th, and an account from July to the date of your return. This is made necessary from the fact that the expenses are paid from the appropriations for two different fiscal years.

I would be glad to receive these accounts from you as early as practicable. Bills for washing are not allowable. You should as nearly as possible, state the amounts you expended each day for meals.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 15. 1895

Hon R. Q. Mills,
U.S. Senate.

Sir:

In reply to your verbal inquiry of current date, I have to say that I know of no stock of silver bullion in storage, except that in the Treasury of the United States.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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August 15. 1895

Harris & McCormick Co,
No. 27 E. Granite Street
Butte, Montana.

Sirs:-

In reply to your letter of recent date, you are respectfully informed that it is expected that the medals of Awards of the World's Columbian Exposition will be delivered early in September.

Your letter has been referred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time of the delivery of the diplomas.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 15. 1895

Macaroni Manufacturing Co,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst, you are informed that the medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery early in September. Your letter has been referred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time of the delivery of the diplomas.

The duty on imported macaroni is twenty per cent ad valorem

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 15. 1895

Chas. H. Bliss, Esq.
#45 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the 13th inst, - the average price of silver bullion for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, was $0.63593 per ounce fine.

The production of Gold and Silver in the United States for the

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Calendar year 1894 was, Gold 1,910,813 Ounces, fine; value $39,500,000; Silver 49,500,000 Ounces, fine; Coining value $64,000,000; Commercial value $31,422,000.

The production of Gold & Silver in the World for the Calendar year 1894 was, Gold 8,616,892 Ounces, fine; value $178,127,000; Silver 166,437,408 Ounces, fine; Coining value $215,191,800; Commercial value $105,652,800. The Estimates of the production of Gold & Silver are made for Calendar years only

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 16. 1895

Hon J. G. Carlisle
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, & that the same be placed to the Credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution as follows, viz:

$50,000 - with Assistant Treasurer U.S. at Chicago
50,000 - with Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco by wire

Respectfully Yours
B. F. Butler
Acting Director of the Mint

August 16. 1895

Herman Kretz, Esq.
Supt Mint U.S. Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of August, 1895, & forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Sel. 49 =	.50
Total		.50

Similar letter, except as noted, to Supt US Mint, New Orleans, La. Sel 14. & to Supt US Mint, San Francisco, 2 Half Eagles = $10, Sel 53

Respectfully Yours
B. F. Butler
Acting Director of the Mint

August 16. 1895

John Daggett, Esq.
Supt. US Mint, San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant forwarding the bond of Robert Barnett, Esq., as Chief Clerk of your Mint, I have to state that the same has been approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully Yours
B. F. Butler
Actg Director of the Mint

August 16. 1895

John Daggett, Esq.
Supt. US Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Assay Report #5872 on 36.65 ozs. gold bullion deposited, shows a ½-cent toughening charge, which your Abstract sheet does not show. I should be pleased to know if the charge as made on the Assay Report is correct before stating the account

Very respectfully
B. F. Butler
Acting Director of the Mint

August 16. 1895

F. F. Church, Esq.
Assayer US Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Funds of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000), and that $50,000 be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago, and $50,000 with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco, by wire.

Respectfully Yours
B. F. Butler
Actg Director of the Mint

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August 16. 1895

Guy Bryan, Esq.
Assayer, US Assay Office, St Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your Bullion & Coin Accounts & Earnings & Expenditures Statement for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895 & E. & E. Statement for the Fiscal year are herewith returned for correction; your Assets & Liabilities Statement is also returned.

The Silver parted in Gold deposit #130 should have been 5.37 Std. ozs., value $2.90, instead of 5.47 Std. ozs, value $2.95, being an over-payment of 5 cents. This error is to be taken up in your Accounts as indicated in pencil.

I will thank you to forward a Statement of your Shipments to the Philadelphia Mint for the Fiscal year 1895. This Statement should always accompany your Accounts for the June Quarter.

Please return the Statements & Accounts herewith enclosed, with Corrected ones without delay.

Very respectfully
B. F. Butler
Acting Director of the Mint

August 17. 1895

The Auditor of the Treasury Department
Sir:

I transmit herewith, for Examination & settlement, the Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery accounts of the Superintendent of the US. Assay Office at New York, for the Month Ending July 31. 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Letter of transmittal dated Aug 8. 1895
Accounts received at the Bureau, Aug 9. 1895

Similar letter, to same, Except as noted: viz: × × × × × × × × × ×

× Supplemental Contingent of same Supt. for Fiscal Year 1895. × × × × × × ×

× Bullion Accounts Supt US Mint at Phila. Quarter March 31/95 Date a/c forwarded May 31, 1895. Date a/c received June 1, 1895

August 17. 1895

Eugene Townsend, Esq.
Late Supt. Mint US at Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: — I have Examined & referred to the proper accounting officers of

the Department for Examination and Settlement your Bullion accounts for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Similar letters except as noted, to Supt US Assay Office at New York x x x x x x x Salary, Wages, Contingent and Refinery a/cs. Month Ending July 31. 1895, and Supplemental Contingent a/c for Fiscal Year Ending June 30. 1895.

August 17. 1895

N. L. Chrestensen, Esq.
London, E. C. England.

Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 6th inst, you are informed that the medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery early in September. The medals awarded to German Exhibitors will probably be delivered in Berlin.

Your letter has been referred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time of the delivery of the diplomas.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 17. 1895

Scovill Manufacturing Co.
Waterbury, Conn.

Sirs:-

Replying to your letter of the 15th inst, you are informed that the correct name of the Exhibitor is "Bonelli".

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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August 17. 1895

Charles Verhaeghe, Esq.
Amsterdam, Holland.

Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 3rd inst, you are respectfully informed that it is expected that the medals of award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery early in September.

Your letter has been referred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time of the delivery of the diplomas.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 19. 1895

The Auditor of the
Treasury Department

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for Examination and Settlement, the Salary, Wages, Contingent, Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion Accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month ending July 31. 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director

Letter of transmittal dated Aug 8. 1895
Accounts received at the Bureau Aug 9. 1895

August 19. 1895

Hon Herman Pretz,
Supt. U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: Referring to your letter of the 10th inst, relative to procuring a machine for cutting slips from deposits for the Assayer,- you are authorized to purchase a machine for this purpose similar to the one in use in the Assay Office at New York and make payment for the same from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, current Fiscal year.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 19, 1895

Hon Herman Kretz,
Supt U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find a five-dollar ($5.) piece which is light. I will thank you to send me the coming value of the same by return mail.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 19. 1895

Herman Kretz, Esq
Supt, US Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:- I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Salary, Wages, Contingent, Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending July 31 1895, with my approval

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 19. 1895

Herman Kretz, Esq.
Supt US Mint, Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:- The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of August, 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for Special assay, have been received, viz

2 Half Eagles	Del 66 =	$10.00
2 Half Dollars	" 50 =	1.00
2 Dimes	" 51 =	.20
Total		$11.20

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as noted, to × × × × ×

× Supt US Mint San Francisco, × × 2 Double Eagles, Del 40 = $40.

× " " " New Orleans, × × × 2 Quarter " 15 = .50

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John Daggett, Esq.
Supt. US. Mint, San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:- Enclosed herewith find the account of the "The Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co," receipted in duplicate, for ten (10) tons best ingot copper, purchased in compliance with your request of the 26th ultimo.

As soon as the copper is received you will remit the Company a draft on the Assistant Treasurer, U.S. at New York, for the amount, viz:- $2,350.

To enable you to make payment in this manner, I have this day requested that an advance of the amount above named, be made you from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the Current fiscal year and placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer, U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 19. 1895

Overton Cade, Esq
Supt US Mint, New Orleans, La.

Sir:- The official bond of William M. Lynch, as Assistant Assayer of your Mint has been approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 19. 1895

The Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co.
Box #53, Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:- Your letter of the 16th inst, enclosing your account receipted in duplicate, for ten (10) tons best ingot copper delivered to the Quartermaster, US Army, in your City, for shipment to the Mint at San Francisco. Your account has been forwarded to the Superintendent of that Institution with instructions to remit you a draft on the Assistant Treasurer, U.S. at New York, for the amount, viz:- $2,350.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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C. P. Goss, Esq.
Scovill Mfg. Co, Waterbury Conn.

Sir:- I have returned you by Express to-day, the wooden box & the aluminum medal case which you left with me in Philadelphia.

I would thank you to inform me by return mail, at what rate you will furnish wooden boxes similar to the sample returned.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 19. 1895

J. Farley Wilder, Esq.
C/o. US Assay Office, New York, N.Y.

Sir:- I enclose herewith your accounts for travelling Expenses. I will thank you to receipt & return the same when a disbursing Officer's check will be promptly sent you for the amounts.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 19. 1895

L. B. Caswell, Esq.
Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Sir:- I have been designated by the Secretary of the Treasury to visit Denver, Colo., to make examination with a view to the selection of a site for a new Mint to be erected in that City.

If you will address me in care of the US Mint, Denver, Colo., giving me the location & price of the property which you wish to offer, I will give the same my consideration

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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N. R. Harris, Esq.
P. O. Lock Box #2243, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:- I will thank you to make affidavit as to correctness of the enclosed account & return the same to this Bureau as early as practicable in order that the same may be paid without further delay.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 19. 1895

Jos. A. Walker, Esq.
P. O. Lock Box #967, Denver, Colo.

Sir:- I will thank you to make affidavit as to the correctness of the enclosed account & return the same to this Bureau as early as practicable in order that the same may be paid without further delay.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 20. 1895

Hon John G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, & that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution as follows:

$20.000. placed with Asst Tr. U.S. at New York, & $5,000 placed with the Commercial Natl Bank at Charlotte.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

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The Auditor of the Treasury Department

Sir: I transmit herewith for Examination and Settlement, the Salary, Wages, Contingent and Refinery and also Coinage of S. S. D. accounts of the Superintendent of the US Mint at San Francisco for the month Ending July 31, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director

Letter of transmittal of accounts dated Aug 8, 1895
Accounts received at the Bureau Aug 14, 1895

August 20. 1895

Herman Kretz, Esq
Supt US Mint, Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

In accordance with the information contained in your communication of the 19th inst, the position of "Custodian of Bars" has been dropped from the Official Register of this Bureau to take Effect August 31. 1895.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 20. 1895

Hon Herman Kretz,
Supt US Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a check of the Washington Times Co., on the Columbia National Bank of Washington, D.C. for $170, for which I will thank you to send them a like amount in one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1895.

I would be pleased if you can, consistently, ship these coins immediately.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 20 1895

John Daggett, Esq.
Supt US Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: The following coins received at your Mint during the Month of August 1895,

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be forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 Double Eagles. Dels. 55 + 56 = $80.00

Total 80.00

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as noted, to:- Supt US Mint at Phila. Pa. x x x 2 Quarters Del 52 = .50

.50

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Telegram

Supt Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Appointments referred to in telegram approved on Seventeenth

R. E. Preston
Director

August 20. 1895

John Daggett, Esq.
Supt US Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: In reply to your letter of the 14th inst in reference to freight on "Muffles" shipped to you from New York, I would say that you can pay the amount for the same, - $9.61, - from your Contingent Fund, furnishing the ordinary vouchers for the same

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 20. 1895

Overton Cade, Esq
Supt US Mint, New Orleans, La.

Sir: Referring to your Parting ~~and~~ Refining account rendered for the Month of July 1895, you have debited yourself only with the balance from the previous month of $67.98 while $1.000 was advanced you July 8, to meet the expenses of your refinery.

I will thank you to explain why you omitted to state the amount advanced you for this account.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 20. 1895

H. E. Ardrey, Esq, Assayer USAO, Charlotte, N C.

Sir: I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased

by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) & that $20,000 of this amount be placed to your credit with the Asst Treas. of the United States at New York & $5,000 with the Commercial Natl Bank, at Charlotte, N.C.

Respectfully, Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 20. 1895

Superintendent Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:- In accordance with the information contained in your communication of the 19th inst, the name of Sam'l R. Russell, Asst Heigh Clerk in the Coiners department of your institution, resigned, will be dropped from the "Official Register" of this Bureau from the 31st instant

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director

August 20. 1895

Elwood Hunt, Esq.
Rockville, Ind.

Sir:- I regret to state that an Error was made in the endorsement returned to you yesterday with your letter, in the amount of Silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890 now on hand.

The number of ounces of silver bullion should have been stated as 137,639,616 ounces, fine silver, & the cost of the same $124,076.994.

I will thank you to make the correction & oblige,

Yours respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 20. 1895

Franklin Steiner, Esq.
P.O Box 882, Des Moines, Iowa.

Sir:- In reply to your Postal Card of the 17th inst, you are respectfully informed that the Treasury Department has no copies of "The Coinage Laws & Appendix" revised to August 1st 1894; nor "Reports of the Monetary Commission of 1876" or "Reports of the Monetary

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Conference of 1878", for distribution

Your "Postal" has been referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint

August 20. 1895

Telegram

Scovill Manufacturing Company

Waterbury, Conn.

Please return sample wood box for medal cases stating price for same.

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint

August 20. 1895

R. Flaherty, Esq.

#365 Broadway, New York

Sir:— Replying to your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury of the 19th inst, you are informed that the Edition of the Annual Reports of the Director of the Mint for 1894 is exhausted and a copy cannot be furnished:

The cost of coining silver dollars is about one and a half cents per piece.

Respectfully yours

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint

August 20. 1895

The Washington Times Co.

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:— I have forwarded your check on the Columbia National Bank, #843 for $170, to the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, with the request that he ships you by Express, a like amount in One-cent pieces, coinage of the current year.

Respectfully yours

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint.

August 20. 1895

John Daggett, Esq. Supt US Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:— I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the

Department for Examination & Settlement, your Salary, Wages, Contingent, Refinery and Coinage of Silver Dollars Accounts for the month ending July 31, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

August 21. 1895

Hon John G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:- It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Six Hundred & Thirty-two $\frac{10}{100}$ dollars ($78,632 $\frac{10}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Nine Hundred & Twenty-five $\frac{02}{100}$ dollars ($925 $\frac{02}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred & Fifty-Seven $\frac{12}{100}$ dollars ($79,557 $\frac{12}{100}$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No 7 dated Augt 16, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully Yours
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as noted, to same: x x x x x x Assay Office at Helena $89,350 $\frac{90}{100}$ in Gold Coin, and $1,078 $\frac{12}{100}$ in Silver Coin, total $90,429 $\frac{02}{100}$. x x x x Assay Office at Boise $21,040 $\frac{73}{100}$ in Gold Coin, and $178. $\frac{86}{100}$ in Silver Coin, total $21,219 $\frac{59}{100}$.

August 21, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 7, dated Aug. 16, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 7, dated Aug. 12, 1895, has been received and examined

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at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $79,775.26, charges $218.14, and net value $79,557.12. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:-

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Deposit Memorandum No. 5, + Aug 15, 1895 + Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 5 + Aug 10, 1895 + + +
$90,680.27; + $251.25 + $90,429.02.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 7 + Aug. 17, 1895, + Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 5, + Aug. 10, 1895, + + +
$21,279.51; + $59.92 + $21,219.59.
+ + + + +

August 21, 1895.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram Confirmed

Would it be practicable for you to receive on storage, five million dollars in fractional silver. Answer by mail.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

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Hon. Herman Kretz,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to my telegram of current date in relation to your receiving for storage, $5,000,000 in subsidiary silver, I would state that it is necessary for safety, that the vaults of the Sub-Treasury at New York should be relieved until they can be strengthened for fear of their giving way.

I have thought if you could not find vault-room at the Mint to store this amount it might be stored in the vaults at the Post Office of which you have control. As these vaults have time locks and being burglar-proof and located in a Government building I do not believe it would be necessary to employ watchmen as the locks could be examined every day by your Cashier or some other person designated by you for that purpose. If, however, you should think it essential to have watchmen they could be employed and the Assistant Secretary assures me that the Department would recommend and obtain an appropriation for the deficiency in your Wages of Workmen, which would be created by the employment of watchmen. As soon as an appropriation can be procured to pay the loss on the re-coinage of this coin it will be melted and recoined.

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Please advise me by wire on receipt hereof if this would be satisfactory to you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of August, 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:-

2 Quarters	Del. 53	.50
Total		$.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant in reply to that of this Bureau of the 5th in relation to the requisition made by you for an advance of $1,000 from the Appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion, I have to say that advances can not be made you from this Appropriation in excess of the amount of the charges collected for these operations.

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As the greater part of the Melter & Refiner's sweeps accrues from the manufacture of ingots for coinage, the loss is properly payable from your Contingent Fund. You are, therefore, instructed to make your requisition accordingly.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I return herewith voucher #15, bill of John H. Hamilton amounting to $8.81, belonging to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of July, for your approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1895.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant you are informed that the dates of appointment of the officers in charge of the assay office at Boise at various times are as follows:

John R. McBride, Superintendent, July 28, 1871
Alfred Wolters, Assayer & Melter, February 5, 1872
Norman H. Camp, do May 11, 1883

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Sprville Braden, Assayer & Melter, April 30, 1885.
Henry F. Wild, do. October 28, 1885.
John W. Cunningham do April 15, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1895.

A. B. Arnold, Esq.,
Mineral Wells, Texas.

Sir:-

I return you by express today, the buckskin bag of sand sent by you to the Secretary of the Treasury some time since, and by him referred to this Bureau. This sand contains merely a trace of gold and would not pay for the working of it.

I have investigated your complaint against the New Orleans Mint and find that you have no justification for making the charges contained in your letter of July 23rd, to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1895.

Hon. M. Brosius,
Lancaster, Pa.

Sir:-

In answer to the queries contained in your letter of the 16th instant, I have to say that the principal countries at present on a paper basis, consisting either of inconvertible State notes or of

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depreciated Bank-notes, and the premium on gold in them, is as follows:-

Countries.		Premium on Gold.
Argentine Republic	about	232 %
Brazil	"	174 %
Ecuador	"	100 %
Russia	"	48 %
Greece	"	77½ %
Portugal	"	30 %
Chili	"	184 %.

The value of these paper currencies expressed in gold, varies from day to day, and the above figures are, therefore, only approximate.

It is necessary to bear in mind that it is not only countries with a paper currency, but also countries with a single silver standard, in which gold is at a premium.

The gold premium measures the depreciation of the currency.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages and Contingent accounts, of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, for the month ending July 31, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose

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of adjustment, as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Account sent August 3, 1895.
" recd August 5, 1895.

August 22, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement, your Salary, Wages and Contingent accounts, for the month ending July 31, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1895

Baron de Fava,
Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary,
#1230 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington D. C.

My dear Sir:-

It is expected that the Treasury Department will be able to deliver the Medals and Diplomas of Award to the World's Columbian Commission by the first of October.

You will be duly notified when the Medals and Diplomas are ready for delivery.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1895.

K. D. Davis, Esq.,
Morganville, Ga.

Sir:-

I have to reply to your letter of the 12th instant, as follows:-

This Department has no printed description of the "mechanical process of minting" for distribution.

The silver dollar contains 371.25 grains of pure silver and 41.25 grains of copper alloy, making the total weight 412.5 grains.

By "free coinage" is meant the right of individuals to bring bullion of standard fineness containing 900 parts either gold or silver and 100 parts of copper alloy, to the Mints and receive in return the coining value of the same. The Government does not retain any portion of the bullion to pay for minting and replace the same with alloy.

There is no "seigniorage" on the coinage of gold. By seigniorage is meant the difference between the cost of the bullion contained in the coin and its face value. At the average cost of the silver, viz: 92.4 cents per ounce, fine, purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, the silver contained in a silver dollar, - 371.25 grains, - would be worth about 70 cents the difference between this sum and 100 cents is the "seigniorage" or profit, on each silver dollar coined.

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The Department has no copies of the "Coinage Laws" for distribution.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1895.

Hon. S. G. Hilborn,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing the application of Miss Julia A. Gray, for the position of "Adjustor" in the Mint at San Francisco, has been referred to the Superintendent of that Institution in whom the law vests the power of making appointments.

I assure you it would afford me pleasure to approve the appointment of Miss Gray, if the Superintendent can find it practicable to make the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1895.

B. Cookman Proctor, Esq.,
#1626, 6th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of the 19th instant, you are informed that the reason why the weight of the gold coins were changed in 1834, was that their bullion value was greater than their face value, consequently they were

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exported to other countries.

I would add for your information, that the Eagle or ten dollar piece, coined prior to the Act of June 28th, 1834, contained 247.5 grains of pure gold, or 15 3/10 grains more than an Eagle coined since that date and would be worth about $10.65 9/10, if of full weight.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1895.

Hon. Herman Kretz,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The Treasurer of the United States will transfer to you from the Sub-Treasury at New York, five million dollars ($5,000,000) in subsidiary silver coin. The transfer will be made, say, at the rate of six-hundred-thousand dollars ($600,000) per week, unless you can count the same more rapidly in which case you will please notify this office of the amount you can receive and count each week, until the whole amount is delivered.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint

P. S.
I start for the West this afternoon.
R. E. P.

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the Month of August 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Half Eagles	Del 67	10.00
2 " Dollars	" 54	1.00
2 Quarter "	" 55	.50
Total		$11.50

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:-
Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Quarter Dols.	Del. 17	.50
Total		$.50

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return herewith by registered mail samples, sent this Bureau, for special assay, from bars shipped your mint from the mint at Carson.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Care of U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram Confirmed.

By an oversight letter was not mailed you. You are authorized and requested to go to San Francisco and make examination and investigation of the assaying as practised at the Mint upon the lines as decided in our conversation. I leave for Denver today.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

August 23, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

Your Bullion and Coin Accounts and Statement of Assets and Liabilities, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, are returned herewith for correction as indicated in pencil.

Please forward with your corrected Accounts, the original Accounts and Statement herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Editor "The Voice",
39 Lafayette Place,
New York.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith statements showing the coinage executed at the U. S. Mints during the calendar year 1894 and the fiscal year 1895.

The average price of silver in London during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, was 39.01 pence, and at the average rate of exchange $0.63798.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1895.

G. R. Gist, Esq.,
Chief Bond Div. Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Md.
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd instant enclosing bond of Frank Joyce Gross, Assistant Weigh Clerk, Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Colorado, has been received.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1895.

Hon Josiah Patterson,
Memphis, Tenn.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the

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21st instant, I will say:-

The Government furnishes the alloy necessary, and charges the depositor for it. The depositor is paid the full value of his gold, less the charge for melting (if the deposit contains silver) less the charge for parting, refining and alloy.

You are correct in assuming that 232.2 grains of pure gold is worth ten dollars, but if the gold is crude or base, it costs the Government something to refine it, and, in consequence, the Government charges the depositor for such work.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1895.

J. R. Roach, Esq.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I take pleasure in answering yours of the 20th, as follows:-

1st. "Countries on a silver standard" see pp. 55-56 of Report forwarded you today.

2nd. "Money and per-capita of foreign countries", see pp. 44-45.

3rd. "Gold standard countries", see pp. 55-56.

4th. "Money and per capita", pp. 44-45.

5th. "Coinage capacity of U. S. Mints, per annum",- 40,000,000 Standard Silver dollars and such subsidiary and gold coinage as might be required. Gold alone 150,000,000.

6th. Coinage of Standard Silver dollars each year prior to the "crime of 73" see p. 209.

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7th. "Production of Gold and Silver in the United States for a series of years",- Table herewith.
8th. "Price of Silver bullion, 1835-1894",- p. 157.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Terry,
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

Referring to your request of the 20th instant to furnish W. H. Robins, Knoxville, Ark., with a copy of the Report on the Production of Gold and Silver and Coinage Laws of the U. S., you are informed that the supply of the above publications is exhausted. Letter of Mr. Robins returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1895.

James M. Swank, Esq.,
#261 South Fourth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return you herewith, your proof of the "World's Gold and Silver Production", corrected to date, as per your request of the 22nd instant.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 24, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-five $\frac{38}{100}$ Dollars ($28,255.38) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Sixty-one $\frac{61}{100}$ Dollars ($161.61) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-eight Thousand Four Hundred and Sixteen $\frac{99}{100}$ Dollars ($28,416.99), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 6, dated August 22, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at New York be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that

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the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of Mint.

Similar letter except as noted to same address:
+ + Assay Office at Helena
be increased + One Hundred Thousand
Dollars ($100,000.--) + lawful money
+ Assayer in charge + with the
First National and Merchants National Banks
Helena, Montana.

August 24, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 6, dated Aug 22, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 6, dated Aug. 17, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $28,485.71; charges $68.72, and net value $28,416.99. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, in Standard Silver Dollars.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:-
E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

+ + + Bullion Fund + be increased + One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) + your credit + First National and Merchants Natl Banks, Helena, Mont.

August 24, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of August 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 H. Eagles	Del. 68	10.00
2 H. Dollars	" 56	1.00
Total		$11.00

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler, Actg Director.

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August 24, 1895.

Louis F. Fischer,
Sec'y. & M'g'r. Charles Tiedemann Milling Co.,
O'Fallon, Ills.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 22nd. instant, you are informed that it is expected that the Medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery on or before October 1st.

Your letter has been referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time of delivery of the Diplomas.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Act'g Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:-
W. H. Howard, Esq.,
Treas. & M'g'r., Waukenhose M'f'g. Co.,
Lowell, Mass.

August 24, 1895.

E. P. Hill, Esq.,
President, Houston Printing Co.,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

In answer to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 3rd. instant, directed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to this Bureau, I have to say:- A law of the United States enacted on the 31st of July, 1789, (See I Statutes at Large, p. 41), prescribed that in the payment of duties, the Pound Sterling of Great Britain should be estimated at $4.44. This same law was re-enacted on March 2, 1799. When this law was first

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passed the Pound Sterling was only a money of account, having no coined representative.

An Act of July 14, 1832, placed the value of the Pound Sterling at $4.80; and one of July 27, 1842, at $4.84. Lastly the law of March 3, 1873 placed it at $4.8665.

England began in 1817 to coin gold Pounds Sterling containing 113 grains of pure gold. Since 1834, the United States gold dollar has contained 23.22 grains of pure gold. The par-value of the Pound Sterling, therefore, since 1834, has been $4.8665, as you may readily see by dividing 113 by 23.22.

The law of 1873 wrought injustice to no one. It simply made the Par of Exchange of the Pound Sterling legally, what it had been actually, since 1834. Besides, it applied only to future contracts.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1895.

A. D. Marshall, Esq.,
Marysville, Montana.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant, relative to your gold properties in Montana has been referred to this Bureau for answer.

I know no gold syndicate here that would enable you to develop them; but there is always ample capital looking for profitable employment, and to the owners of such capital, I think you should address yourself.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler, Actg Director.

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August 26, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages and Contingent accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, for the month ending July 31, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

A/c sent Aug. 3, 1895.
" rec'd " 5, 1895.

August 26, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Salary, Wages and Contingent accounts for the month ending July 31, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg. Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8868 for $115,000.00, being on account of Minor Coinage profits, inclosed in your

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communication of the 24th inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

August 26, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of August, 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:

2 D. Eagles	Del. 59	40.00
Total		$40.00

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg. Director of Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Half Eagles	Del. 52	10.00
Total		$10.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Quarters	Del. 18	.50
2 Dimes	" 19	20
Total		$ .70

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find the account of the United States Express Company, amounting to $4,004.30, for the transportation of $10,010,716.37 in gold bullion from the U.S. Assay Office at New York to your Mint, which sum is payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-one Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-two $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars ($31,952.80) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Seventeen $\frac{05}{100}$ Dollars ($217.05) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-two Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-nine $\frac{85}{100}$ Dollars ($32,169.85), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, as shown by Memorandum No. 8 dated Aug. 23, 1895 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler, Actg Director Mint.

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August 27, 1895.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 8, dated Aug. 23, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 8, dated Aug. 17, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $32,253.16; charges $83.31, and net value $32,169.85. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg. Director Mint.

August 27, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a 25 cent coin, apparently coined at the New Orleans Mint.

The piece is somewhat larger than it should be, otherwise it appears to be perfect.

I will thank you to confer with Mr. Barber as to the genuineness of the piece and report the result to this Bureau at your earliest convenience, returning the coin.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg. Director of the Mint.

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of August 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 H. Eagles	Del. 69	10.00
Total		$10.00

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:-
John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 60	40.00
Total		$40.00

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8870 for $4,585.79, being on account of unexpended balance of Appropriation for Wages, Fiscal Year 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 26th inst. has been received and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Wages of Workmen accounts and the amount to be covered

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into the Treasury as unexpended balance Wages, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg. Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
C. D. No. 8871 for $11,360.59 + Unexpended balance, Contingent Expenses, Fiscal year 1895 + + 26th. inst. + personal credit + Contingent Expense + Treasury as an unexpended balance a/c Appropriation for Contingent Expenses.

August 27, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Please be kind enough to forward your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg. Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1895.

J. R. Pitman, Esq.,
La Grange, Ga.

Sir:

Relative to your inquiry as to when you could have a bar of silver coined into fractional silver currency, I have to say that the Mints of the United are not open to the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1895.

Albert Griffin, Esq.,
Treasurer, Gulf & Interstate Railway Co.,
#1212 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Report on the Production of the Precious Metals for 1894, is in the hands of the printer and it is impossible to send you a table of the production by countries at the present writing.

Just as soon as the Report is received a copy can be sent you.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of Mint.

August 27, 1895.

L. F. Mittler,
Cardington, Ohio.

Sir:-

Your communication of the 23rd instant has been referred to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, who will answer all of the inquiries made.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1895.

F. S. Rouse, Esq.,
#253 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Regarding your inquiry of the 24th instant, relative to the use of nickel by the

Mints, I have to say that your communication will be laid before the Director, upon his return to this City.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1895.

J. Schoenhof, Esq.,
Office, Appraiser of Customs,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

In answer to your communication of the 24th instant, relative to the production of gold and silver in the world for the calendar year 1894, the following figures are submitted:-

Gold, 8,705,836 fine ounces; value $179,965,600;
Silver, 166,601,995 fine ounces; coining value $215,404,600.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg. Director of Mint.

August 27, 1895.

Walter Williams, Esq.,
Columbia, Mo.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the 22nd. instant, as to the existence of any book giving pictures of U. S. silver coins, I respectfully refer you to a book entitled "The Current Gold and Silver Coins of all Nations," by Ivan C. Nichols Ph. D., M. A., published by R. S. Menamin, #517 Minor Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg. Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1895.

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Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg. Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-seven $\frac{05}{100}$ Dollars ($75,327.05) in Gold Coin, and Seven Hundred and Forty $\frac{04}{100}$ Dollars ($740.04) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-six Thousand and Sixty-seven $\frac{09}{100}$ Dollars ($76,067.09) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 8 dated Aug. 27, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1895.

To the
Chief of the Appointment Division,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

As directed I have to report that I have caused to be withheld from the pay of Mr. J. J. Lalor, Translator of this Bureau, during the month of August the sum of $38.04 being for ten days lost time during the previous month.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 8, dated Aug. 26, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 8, dated Aug. 21, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $76,277.10; charges $210.01, and net value $76,067.09. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Act'g Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1895.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please inform me, by return mail, the amount in standard ounces of unrefined and refined foreign gold and silver bullion received at your institution, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Act'g Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following:-

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

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August 28, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of deposits, Form No. 60 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1895, I notice you report thereon 844.421 standard ounces of United States gold coin (which agrees with the statement rendered monthly), while on Form No. 474 only 824.836 standard ounces are reported as received over the counter. I will thank you for an explanation of this apparent discrepancy.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1895.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

On your statement of deposits, Form No. 60, there appears an entry of 3.94 standard ounces of United States silver coin received over the counter, while on Form No. 474 there is no entry showing the receipt.

Also on Form No. 60 you report 161.90 standard ounces foreign silver bullion as received but neglect to state if this bullion was refined or unrefined.

I will thank you to furnish the necessary information promptly.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler, Actg Director of the Mint.

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August 28, 1895.

C. W. Johnson, Esq.,
Chief of Bureau Engraving & Printing,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The "Day Manufacturing Co.," of Detroit, Michigan, having changed their name and address to "Holly Bath Tub Co.," Holly, Oakland County, Mich., desire their Diploma awarded by the World's Fair, held in Chicago, 1893,-(Sanitary Department, Section "N" Block 4, Folding and Self-heating Bath-tubs), sent to the latter address.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Act'g Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1895.

The Scovill Manufacturing Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Gentlemen:-

The "Day Manufacturing Co.", of Detroit Michigan, having changed their name and address to "Holly Bath Tub Co.", Holly, Oakland County, Mich., desire their Medal awarded by the World's Fair, held at Chicago, 1893,-(Sanitary Department, Section "N" Block 4, Folding and Self-heating Bath-tubs), sent to the latter address.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Act'g Director of the Mint.

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August 28, 1895.

O. B. Gunn, Esq.,
#618 Whitney Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith tables answering your inquiries in full, except the following:- The Treasurer does not redeem or exchange gold coins for silver coins, nor does he exchange Treasury Notes for silver coin.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1895.

Falck and Co.,
#29 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 27th instant, you are respectfully informed that no photographs or drawings of the Medals granted to Exhibitors at the World's Fair, held in Chicago during 1893, will be furnished prior to their delivery.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during

the Month of August 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Half Dollars	, Del. 58	,	1.00
2 Quarters	, " 59	,	.50
2 Half Eagles	, " 70	,	10.00
Total	,	,	$11.50

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles	, Del. 61	,	40.00
Total	,	,	$40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Dimes	, Del. 20	,	.20
Total	,	,	$.20

August 29, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Supplemental, Wages and Contingent Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

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August 29, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The bond of Frank Joyce Gross, Assistant Weigh Clerk of your Mint has been approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1895.

E. T. Black, Esq.,
Scio, N. Y.

Sir:-

In answer to your "Postal" will say, all obverse Dies are destroyed at the end of each year.

I enclose herewith circular giving weight, etc., of United States Coins.

Proof coins are made by polishing the Blanks before they are coined, not afterwards.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1895.

Richard H. Grey, Esq.,
#207 Battery Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 23rd instant, I enclose herewith copy of circular showing value of foreign coins in United States money, dated January 1, April 1, and July 1, 1895, and

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I have placed your name on the mailing list for future issues.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1895.

Fred W. Kelsey, Esq.,
#145 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th instant, you are respectfully informed that no photographs or drawings of the Medals granted to Exhibitors at the World's Fair, held in Chicago during 1893, will be furnished prior to their delivery.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1895.

Geo. H. Small, Esq.,
Assistant Treasurer, U.S.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

I submit the enclosed copy of a letter from the Engraver of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, in answer to your inquiry of the 23rd instant relative to the 25-cent coin forwarded by you to this Bureau, for examination and report.

The coin is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Care of U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Everything O. K. Don't worry about the office. Have a good time.

B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

August 30, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

Date a/c forwarded July 19, 1895.
" " received " 20, 1895.

August 30, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler, Act'g Director.

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August 30, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of August 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Half Eagles	Del. 71	10.00
Total		$10.00

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:-
Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Quar. Dollars	Del. 21	.50
Total		$.50

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J. S. Cohen, Esq.,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your communication of the 27th instant, asking that four copies of the "Coinage Laws," be sent Mr. James O. Whitworth, of Loganville, Ga., received.

I have but a few of these books and can spare only 2 copies.

I understand the Division of Loans and Currency, have a supply of "Coinage

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Laws" and you might try there for a few copies.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1895.

Messrs Freeland & Bradley,
Wellsville, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 29th instant, you are respectfully informed that it is expected that the Medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery about the first of October.

Your letter has been referred to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time of delivery of the Diplomas.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
"Manager and Treasurer",
Concordia Publishing House,
Jefferson Ave., and Miami St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

\+ + + Medals of Award
\+ delivery about the first of October. —
They will probably be distributed by the "Committee on Awards", of the World's Fair.
\+ referred + delivery of the Diplomas.

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D. D. Langford, Esq.,
Dublin, Ky.

Sir:-

Your communication of the 28th instant, to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for the information you ask for.

The Mints are not coining silver dollars at present. The coinage of silver dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, was,- 3,956,011.

There is no coinage executed on private account.

Silver dollars are legal-tender at their nominal value for all debts and dues, public and private. Silver subsidiary coins of the U. S. are a legal-tender at their nominal value for any amount not exceeding five dollars ($5.00) in any one payment.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1895.

George W. Vaughan, Esq.,
Agent, Mex. National Express,
San Luis Potosi,
Mexico.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the 19th. instant, I enclose herewith copies of letters from the Superintendent and Assayer of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, giving a report on your Deposit of $318. in Mexican coined gold.

over.

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I trust these letters will be a satisfactory explanation of the apparent loss on your Deposit.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of August, 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 60	.50
Total		$ .50

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1895.

J. W. Blake, Esq.,
Mexia, Texas.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the 16th instant, I have to say that the value of the Indian Rupee in 1873, was 44 cents and 6 mills.

In 1893, it was 26 cents and 8 mills.

The value of a bushel of wheat in India, in 1873, was $1.47,9, or 3.32 Rupees. How much wheat the Rupee will buy in 1895, I am unable to say. I am also unable to tell you how many days' labor the Rupee bought in India, in 1873, or how many it will buy this year.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler, Actg Director, Mint.

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August 31, 1895.

W. H. Bucher, Esq.,
Cashier, Sierra County Bank,
Hillsborough, N. M.

Sir:-

Your communication of the 23rd instant, to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this Bureau from whence it has been referred to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., with the request that shipments be made you, if possible, as per your request at your risk.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1895.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint,
Care of U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Telegram Confirmed.

Everything going all right. Will wire you if necessary.

B. F. Butler,
Acting Director, Mint.

September 3, 1895.

Hon. Herman Kretz,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find a small gold button, for which I will thank you to return the value thereof to me.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler, Actg Director of Mint.

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September 3, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of August 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	, Del.	61	, .50
2 Dimes	, "	62	, .20
Total	,		, $ .70

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	, Del.	63	, 40.00
Total	,		, $40.00

September 3, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

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September 3, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September 1895, has been approved for the sum of $37,850.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1896,	$ 3,500.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	25,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	7,000.
Parting & Refining bullion,	1896,	2,000.
Storage of Silver Bullion (Act 7/14.90)	1896,	350.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + + September 1895, +
+ $4,000.00 + + +

Salaries,	1896,	$ 1,500
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	2,300
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	200

September 4, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United

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States Mint at Denver to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Eighty-eight Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-five $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars ($88,165.66) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Thirty-eight $\frac{95}{100}$ Dollars ($438.95) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eighty-eight Thousand Six Hundred and Four $\frac{61}{100}$ Dollars ($88,604.61) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No 9, dated Aug. 31, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

+ + + Assay Office at Helena + Mint at Philadelphia + Fifty-six Thousand Four Hundred and Sixteen $\frac{57}{100}$ ($56416.57) + Six Hundred and Fifteen $\frac{22}{100}$ + ($615.22) + Fifty-seven Thousand and ~~Fifty-seven~~ Thousand and Thirty-one $\frac{79}{100}$ + ($57,031.79) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Helena + Mem. No. 7 + Aug. 29, 1895 + +

+ + Assay Office at Boise + Mint at Philadelphia + Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-seven $\frac{41}{100}$ + ($17,347.41) + One Hundred and ~~Seventy~~ $\frac{73}{100}$ + ($170.73) + + Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred and Eighteen $\frac{14}{100}$ + ($17,518.14) + Bullion + Assay Office at Boise + Mem. No. 9 + Aug 30, 1895, +

+ + Assay Office at St. Louis + Mint at Philadelphia + Ten Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-six $\frac{88}{100}$ + ($10,226.88) + Eighty-three $\frac{47}{100}$ + ($83.47) + Ten Thousand

Three Hundred and Ten $\frac{45}{100}$ + ($10,310.45) +
Bullion + Assay Office at St. Louis +
Mem. No. 242 + Sept. 2, 1895, + +

September 4, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 9, dated Aug. 31, 1895 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9 dated Aug. 27, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $88,825.13; charges $220.52, and net value $88,604.61. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint

Similar letters except as noted, to:

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

+ No. 7 + Aug 29, 1895 +
Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 7 + Aug. 24, 1895
+ $57,189.26; + $157.47 + $57,031.79.
+ + + + +

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

+ No. 9 + Aug 30, 1895 +
Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9,

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dated Aug. 24, 1895 + + +
$17,569.82; + $51.68, + $17,518.14 +
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis. Mo.
+ + No. 242 + Sept. 2, 1895 +
Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 242 +
Aug. 30, 1895 + + + +
$10,350.30; + $39.85 + $10,310.45
+ + + + +

September 4, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September 1895, has been approved for the sum of $13,200.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1896,	$ 3,200.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	2,200.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	800.
Parting & Refining bullion,	1896,	7,000.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

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E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

In answer to your communication of the 27th ultimo, relative to bids for coal for the use of your institution, you are authorized to accept the bid for the "Salt Lump" at $4.40 per ton, as per your recommendation, on account of its superiority.

You are also authorized to contract for 25 cords of wood, best suited for your purposes, at the lowest possible figure, as there seems to have been no bids to furnish wood, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
Acting Director, Mint.

September 4, 1895.

Charles Heber Clark, Esq.,
#425 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In answer to your communication of the 30th, ultimo, relative to the number of one dollar gold and silver dollar pieces, coined since the organization of the Mint up to 1873, I submit the following:-

Gold	$19,056,802;
Silver	8,031,238.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 4, 1895.

P. A. Balcom, Esq.,
President, P. A. Balcom Soap Co.,
#419, #420, #421 and #422, Cooper Building,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 31st. ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Bureau, I have to say that it is expected that the Medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery by October first.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:-

V. E. McConnoughey, Esq.
Secretary, San Diego Chamber of Commerce,
Cor. Fourth and "C" Streets,
San Diego, Cal.

Similar letter except as noted, to:-

S. C. Stevenson, Esq.,
Manager + Secretary, Montreal Exposition Co.,
Montreal, Canada.

+ + about the first of October.

Your letter has been referred to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing for reply concerning the time for delivery of the Diplomas.

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Mr. Curtis Guild, Jr.
"Commercial Bulletin",
#282 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

Sir:

The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics has

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referred your letter of the 3rd instant to this Bureau with the request that the following answers, relating to Silver Dollars be sent to you, direct:-

1.- The Coinage of Silver Dollars stopped February 12th, 1873.

2.- The coinage was re-commenced February 28th, 1878.

3.- Since the re-commencement, to August 31st., 1895, 423,289,219 have been coined.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1895.

R. O. Hill, Esq.,
Russellville, Logan Co.,
Ky.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the 31st., ultimo, I have to say that the Government does not buy old coins except as bullion, at the Mints and Assay Offices.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1895.

J. A. Hudson, Esq.,
"Macon Times",
Macon, Mo.

Sir:-

In answer to your letter of the 20th. ultimo, relative to the coinage of silver dollars by the United States Mints for the

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calendar year 1895, I have to say that there were coined 3,956,011 silver dollars during the period mentioned.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1895.

J. A. Fay & Egan Co.,
Front, John, Water & Smith Streets,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 31st. ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Bureau, I can only say that it is expected the Medals of Award World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery by October first and that no photographs or drawings of them will be furnished prior to their delivery.

Your letter has been referred to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for information as to when the Diplomas will be ready for delivery.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1895.

Charles B. King, Esq.,
#112 and #114 St. Antoine Street,
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant you are informed that it is expected the

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Medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery by October first and that no photographs or drawings of them will be furnished prior to their delivery.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1895.

Eugene Hayes, Esq.,
Produce & Commission Merchant,
Topeka, Kans.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Bureau, relative to the Diplomas awarded by the World's Columbian Exposition, has been referred to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1895.

C. F. Nelson, Esq.,
#410 Hawkinson Ave.
Galesburg, Ill.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of August 28th, I have to say that the names and locations of the Coinage Mints are as follows:-

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,
" " " " " " San Francisco, Cal.,
" " " " " " New Orleans, La.

The present capacity of the Mints for the

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coinage of silver dollars is about $40,000,000 per annum. This will admit of the coinage of such gold and subsidiary silver as may be required.

Your letter has been referred to the Division of Mails and Files for reply as to copy of the Coinage Laws.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1895.

D. T. Owens, Esq.,
#2627 - 15 Ave. "S",
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:-

Your "Postal" of the 26th ultimo, relative to the existing coinage laws has been referred to the Division of Mails and Files with the request that a copy of the United States Coinage Laws be sent you.

I enclose herewith a copy of the last statement of the condition of the Treasury.

Silver is not the unit of measurement at present. Standard silver (U. S.) means silver 9/10 pure and 1/10 alloy.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1895.

A. H. Richards, Esq.,
El Paso, Texas.

Sir:-

I have forwarded the gold chain

with your letter of August 24th, to the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1895.

J. F. Wilder, Esq.,
c/o U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith the Disbursing Officer's check for $361.50, being the amount in full, of your bill rendered, August 20th, 1895, Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint; "annual settlement".

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In answer to your telegram of the 4th instant, you are authorized to purchase the silver bullion necessary to cover loss on sale of sweeps and to pay for the same with the gold coin taken from the Parting & Refining appropriation to make good the amount due the Treasurer on account of the Bullion Fund. This amount will be taken up on Form #193 "Silver Bullion Purchased for Subsidiary Coinage" as a special purchase and will not be entered on your Abstract sheets or in your Deposit & Purchase Account. The Assay Report

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and Warrant of the purchase should accompany your Bullion & Coin Accounts, that the calculation may be verified.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of September 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:-

4 Eagles	Dels. 72 & 73	40.00
2 H. Dollars	" 64	1.00
2 Dimes	" 63	.20
Total		$41.20

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:-

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + August 1895 + +

2 D. Eagles	Del. 64	40.00
Total		$40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + September 1895, +

2 Quarters	Del. 23	.50
Total		.50

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September 5, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1895, has been approved for the sum of $2600.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:-

Salaries,	1896,	$ 700.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	1,400.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	300.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + + September 1895 +
+ + $444.60 + + +

Salaries,	1896,	$ 244.60
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	

September 6, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.-) by a transfer

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of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Chicago, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In answer to your letter of the 4th instant, regarding the purchase of six sections of fire-hose, - 300 feet, - for the use of the U. S. Mint, you are authorized to purchase the same from the Goodyear Rubber Belting & Packing Co., at 30 cents per foot, as per your recommendation.

over.

I return herewith, the bids submitted.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September 1895, has been approved for the sum of $26,500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1896	$ 3,500.
Wages of Workmen,	1896	15,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1896	3,000.
Parting & Refining bullion,	—	3,500.
Coinage S. S. Bullion	—	1,500.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

+ + + September, 1895 +
+ $ 224.10 + + +
Salaries, 1896, $224.10

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September 6, 1895.

J. G. Battelle,
Secretary and Treasurer,
The Cincinnati Corrugating Co.,
Piqua, Ohio.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of the 3rd instant, relative to the Medal of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition, I have to say that it is expected they will be ready for delivery by October first.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1895.

J. Holler, Esq., Manager,
"U. S. Treasury Counterfeit Detector",
31-33 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 4th instant, I enclose statements of the monthly coinage of the U. S. Mints for the months of July, August, September and November, 1894, also for May, 1895.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1895.

Benjamin Mc. Loran, Esq.,
San Diego, Cal.

Sir:-

Regarding your inquiry of the 26th, ultimo,

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relative to the production of gold and silver in the United States for the calendar year 1894, I have to answer as follows:-

Gold product, $39,500,000;
Silver product (coining value), 64,000,000.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1895.

Scovill Manufacturing Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your communication of the 3rd instant, relative to the "Day Manf'g. Co.," the only explanation I can give you is to enclose their letter. If you desire further information you will have to communicate with them.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1895.

Hon. Patrick Walsh,
Augusta, Ga.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the 3rd instant, relative to "how this Bureau arrives at the Coinage of Nations, etc.", I have to answer as follows:-

Foreign countries report their coinage to this Bureau.

Estimate of gold used in the Arts in the United States for 1893, was $13,435,901.

over.

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I cannot say how many years' product is represented by the "world's coinage" of $231,862,530.

The product of gold in the United States for the calendar year 1894, was $39,500,000 and the gold product for the world was $179,965,600.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Eighty-two Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-nine $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars ($82,279.52) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Sixty-six $\frac{14}{100}$ Dollars ($566.14) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eighty-two Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-five $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars ($82,845.66) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 10 dated Sept. 4, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

+ + Assay Office at Charlotte + Mint at Philadelphia + Twenty-nine Thousand One Hundred and Eighty $\frac{29}{100}$ + ($29,180.29) + Sixty-six $\frac{85}{100}$ + ($66.95) + Twenty-nine

Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-seven $\frac{24}{100}$ + ($29,247.24) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office + Memorandum No. 8 + Sept. 4, 1895 + + +

September 7, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to the attached Requisition for Funds, which has been disapproved by the Auditor for the Treasury Department, by reason of non-receipt of Accounts from the Office to which the Requisition pertains, I have the honor to request that the provisions of Section 12, of the Act approved July 31, 1894, be waived in this case for the following reasons:- This Account was duly received at this Bureau on the 5th of August, but has since been mislaid and cannot, at present, be found by reason of the absence of a clerk on leave.

As the Assayer in Charge of the St. Louis Assay Office is in no wise to blame and as the provisions of the Section referred to were enacted especially to insure the prompt rendition of Accounts, it is hoped the Office may be relieved from the hardship of having Funds with-held on account of carelessness over which the Assayer could exercise no control.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 10 dated Sept. 4, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 10 dated Aug. 31, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $83,060.65; charges $214.99, and net value $82,845.66. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Deposit Memorandum No. 8 + Sept. 4, 1895
+ Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 8
+ Aug. 31, 1895 + + +
$29,317.01; + $69.77, + $29,247.24.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

September 7, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your request of the 6th. instant for permission to be absent from the Mint on

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the 10th and 11th instants, is granted.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of September 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	,	Del. 74	, 20.00
4 Quarters	,	" 65 + 66	, 1.00
Total	,		, $21.00

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins ~~taken~~ from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint, during the Months of July + Aug. 1895, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following:-

over.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

September 7, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

C.D. No. 578 for $743.42, being on account of appro. for balance of Wages of Workmen & Contingent Expenses of your Office fiscal year 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 6th instant has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury — personal credit to be given you in your Wages and Contingent accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a repayment to the credit of the following appropriations, Wages of Workmen $504.00, Contingent Expenses $239.42.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery expense

Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending August 31, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

Similar letter, to:-

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

+ acknowledge the receipt of your Supplemental Contingent expense +
+ Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1895.

September 7, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of the 28th ultimo, asking for instructions for correcting the error of 36 cents which occurred in your Coin and Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending December 31, 1894, I have to repeat that the error will adjust itself in the Philadelphia Mint Account, and you need give yourself no further annoyance regarding the matter.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

September 7, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
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Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery expense

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Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending August 31, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

Similar letter, to:-

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

+ acknowledge the receipt of your Supplemental Contingent expense +
+ Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1895.

September 7, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of the 28th ultimo, asking for instructions for correcting the error of 36 cents which occurred in your Coin and Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending December 31, 1894, I have to ~~repeat~~ that the error will adjust itself in the Philadelphia Mint Account, and you need give yourself no further annoyance regarding the matter.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Messrs. Amerman & Patterson,
#20 Exchange Place & #65 Beaver St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, to the Secretary of the Treasury, referred to this Bureau, I have to say, it is expected that the Medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition, will be ready for delivery about October first. Your letter has been referred to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing for reply as to the time for the delivery of the Diplomas.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1895.

R. F. Bond, Esq.,
Sterling, Kansas.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the 28th ultimo, I enclose herewith, statements of the Coin and Paper circulation of the United States from 1800 to 1894, inclusive, giving the per-capita and other valuable information; also statement showing the amounts of gold and silver coins and certificates, United States and National Bank notes in the Treasury and in circulation September 1st. 1895.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1895.

B. G. Du Bose, Esq.,
Lisbon, Ga.

Sir:

Your communication of the 3rd instant, to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

In the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1894, is given the approximate stocks of money in the principal countries of the world, a copy of which I herewith enclose.

The supply of Reports for 1894, is exhausted.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1895.

John B. Kales, Esq.,
#611 Clinton Street,
Camden, N. J.

Sir:-

Your communication of the 3rd instant, to the Comptroller of the Currency, has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

I have no knowledge of a book or pamphlet issued by the Department, giving a history of the coins now in circulation in the United States.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1896,	$ 2,700.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	7,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	1,000.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

+ + + September 1895
+ + $2,900.00 + +

Salaries,	1896,	$ 1,200
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	1,200
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	500

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

+ + September 1895, +
+ + $1099.30 + + +

Salaries,	1896,	$ 260.80
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	838.50
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	

September 9, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary + Contingent Expense (including

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labor) Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Month ending August 31, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

Similar letters to the following:

W. E. Andrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

September 9, 1895.

John P. Delphey, Esq.,
Cor. Adams & St. Clair Sts.
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:-

Relative to your inquiry of the 6th instant, I refer you to Benj. H. Collins, Numismatist, #1108 "G" Street, Northwest, this city, as this Bureau is unable to say what the commercial value of your coin is.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

September 9, 1895.

Hon. J. T. Morgan,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of a few days since, I have the honor to enclose

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herewith a copy of an article on the "Confederate States Coinage", which may be of interest to you.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 9, 1895.

M. Borliner, Esq.,
#15 Whitehall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, to the Secretary of the Treasury, referred to this Bureau, I have to say, it is expected that the Medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery about October first.

Your letter has been referred to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to time for delivery of the Diplomas.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:

Geo. C. Videtto, Esq.,
606 "F" Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

September 9, 1895.

The Waterbury Watch Co.,
Waterbury Conn.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I have to say, it is expected

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that the Medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery about October first.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-two $\frac{69}{100}$ Dollars ($42,662.69) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Sixteen $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars ($216.82) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars ($42,879.51) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 8, dated Sept 5, 1895 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

+ — + Assay Office at Boise

+ Mint at Philadelphia + Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven $\frac{38}{100}$ (+$19,757.38)

+ One Hundred and Ninety-four $\frac{49}{100}$ +($ 194.49)

+ total of Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-one $\frac{87}{100}$ + ($19,951.87) + Bullion

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+ Assayer in charge + Assay Office + Boise City + Memorandum No. 10 + Sept. 6, 1895 + + deposited at said Mint.

September 10, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 8, dated Sept. 5, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 8, dated Aug. 31, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $42,977.38; charges $97.87, and net value $42,879.51. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 10 + Sept. 6, 1895, + Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 10 + Aug. 31, 1895, + + +
$20,010.75; + $58.88, + $19,951.87.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, requesting the purchase of two Radiators for use in the Superintendent's office, you are authorized to purchase the same.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1895.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages and Contingent Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending August 31, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

September 10, 1895.

Alvey A. Adee, Esq.,
Acting Secretary of State.

Sir:-

In answer to your letter of the 9th instant, to the Secretary of the Treasury, referred to this Bureau, you are informed that it is expected the Medals of Award of the

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World's Columbian Exposition will be ready for delivery by October first.

Your letter has been referred to the Superintendent of Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time for delivery of the Diplomas.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1895.

Wm. Brown, Esq.,
#1020 Congress Avenue,
Austin, Texas.

Sir:-

In reply to your request of the 4th instant, for the production of gold and silver in the world for the calendar years 1893 and 1894, it is given as follows:-

Year.	Gold.	Silver.
1893.	$157,297,000	$213,547,800
1894.	179,965,600	215,404,600

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1895.

David T. Day, Esq.,
Chief of Mining Dep't., Cotton States Div., Atlanta Ex.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I send you herewith, by Messenger, a package containing the gold and silver cubes ordered by you, and enclose bill of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, for the material used and work-

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manship on the same.

Please be kind enough to remit the amount,- $11.72,- to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, direct.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1895.

Messers Wiggin & Stevens,
P. O. Box #3577,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, to the Secretary of the Treasury, referred to this Bureau, you are informed that it is expected the Medals of Award of the World's Columbian Exposition, will be ready for delivery by October first.

Your letter has been referred to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time for the delivery of the Diplomas.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo. be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.-)

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by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National, Colorado National and Denver National Banks, Denver, Colo.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National, Colorado National and Denver National Banks, Denver, Colo.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages Contingent, Refinery and Silver dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Month ending August 31, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to: over.

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

+ + + Salary and Contingent expense (including labor) + + Month ending August 31, 1895.

September 12, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Care Mint San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Confirmed

Have just returned. It is unnecessary for you to remain.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

September 12, 1895.

Claude M. Johnson, Esq.,
Chief of Bureau Engraving & Printing.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith a box received from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, containing a strip of silver prepared in compliance with your request of the 6th. instant.

This silver has been rolled to a thickness .067 of an inch, which is given by Haswell as #20 English guage for silver and gold pieces.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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September 12, 1895.

Henry E. Rhodes, Esq.,
New York Tribune,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 5th, instant, I enclose herewith the following tables, compiled for the calendar year 1894, and the fiscal year 1894:-

Production of gold and silver by the various countries of the world for the year 1894.

Production of gold and silver in the United States for 1894.

Coinages of the United States for the fiscal year 1895, and Stock of gold and silver in the various countries of the world as estimated at the end of the calendar year 1894.

I would add for your information that these tables are subject to change, and will be corrected in the fiscal report of the Director of the Mint for the year ended June 30, 1895, which will be issued about the first of December next.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand

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Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In an interview with the Secretary of the Treasury to-day, he expressed a wish that the gold bullion now on hand at your mint be converted into coin as early as possible, and in order to accomplish this result said it should be converted into double eagles.

In order to comply with the wishes of the Department, you are hereby authorized and instructed to confine your gold coinage until otherwise directed, to double eagles.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I will thank you to inform this Bureau

the amount of your gold coinage this month to date, and what it will probably amount to for the remainder of the month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1895.

Hon. Calvin S. Brice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your reference of the 9th instant, requesting that a copy of the last fiscal report of this Bureau be mailed to A. S. Hempstead, Westerville, Ohio, I regret that the edition of this report is exhausted, and Mr. Hempstead has this day been notified that it is impossible to furnish him with the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1895.

Hon. J. F. McCleary,
Mankato, Minn.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I would state that the most recent work published on coinage is Shaw's History of Currency from 1200 to 1894 inclusive. You can obtain the same from the Scientific Publishing Company of New York City, for about $3.75, or from Robert Beall of this city.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Franklyn S. Rouse, Esq.,
#253 Broadway,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 24th ultimo, you are informed that the nickel coinage now being executed is made from metal obtained from melting the old designs of the five-cent pieces. No new metal is being purchased for these coins, and will probably not be for some time as there is a redundancy of old coins now in the Treasury.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1895.

J. O. Wilhelm, Esq.,
Marlboro, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your postal card of the 2nd instant, I would state that the number of copies of the report of the Director of the Mint to be printed annually is limited by law to four thousand, and when these are distributed no further edition of the report for any single year can be printed without special authority from Congress.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixty-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars ($66,983.51) in Gold Coin, and Seven Hundred and Fourteen Dollars ($714.00) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-seven Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-seven $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars ($67,697.51) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 11 dated Sept 11, 1895 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 14, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 11, dated Sept. 11, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 11, dated Sept. 7, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $67,890.36; charges $192.85, and net value $67,697.51. For the latter amount a transfer has been

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requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 14, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 14, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your letter enclosing two copies of the Cotton exposition medal ~~have~~ been received, for which you have my sincere thanks. I think this medal a beautiful piece of workmanship, and reflects credit on the Mint, considering the short time had in which to prepare the dies.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Date a/c forwarded July 5, 1895.
" " received " 9, 1895.

September 16, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of September 1895, and

forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

6 Eagles	Del. 75, 76 + 77	60.00
2 Quarters	" 67	.50
2 Half Dollars	" 68	1.00
	Total	$61.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

4 D. Eagles	Dels. 66 + 67	80.00
	Total	$80.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

4 Dimes	Del. 25 + 27	.40
2 Quarters	" 26	.50
2 Halves	" 28	1.00
	Total	$1.90

September 16, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

It is in contemplation to issue at an early date a new edition of the Instructions and Regulations in relation to the transaction of business at the

Mints and Assay Offices of the United States.

I will thank you, in conjunction with the operative officers of your Mint to carefully examine and report, not later than the 15th of October the changes or alterations which you think should be made, giving your reasons in detail for the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, to the following:-

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

September 16, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

It is contemplated at an early date to issue a new edition of the Instructions and Regulations regarding the transactions

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of business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States.

I will thank you to report to me what changes, if any, should be made to the regulations governing transaction of business in your office, giving your reason in detail for the changes suggested. I would like to have this information by the 15th proximo.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, to the following:-

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City Idaho.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

September 14, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are authorized to purchase 5,000 pounds of best quality ingot-

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copper, specially prepared for alloying United States gold coins, at twelve (12) cents per pound, in accordance with your letter of the 14th instant.

The offer of the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Co., is returned herewith.

In rendering your Accounts please note on the Voucher, the date of this authority.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant, requesting authority to purchase a sufficient quantity of English oil-cloth to cover the floor of the Die-room, in the Engraving Department and enclosing bids received by you for the same, you are authorized to accept the bid of John Wannamaker at $80.50.

The bids enclosed by you are returned herewith.

Upon the Voucher you will please note the date of authority for this purchase.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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C. P. Goss, Esq.,
Scovill Manufacturing Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Sir:-

Yours of the 12th instant received. I expect to be in Philadelphia on Thursday next and if it would be entirely convenient, I would be glad to see you there on that day. I am sorry to hear that you have had some trouble with the bronzing of the Medals, but I am satisfied they will be finished in an artistic manner before they leave your hands.

I learned incidentally, that the Diplomas will not be ready for delivery before February next.

The Attorney General has given an opinion to the effect that the Secretary of the Treasury has no authority to distribute the Medals directly, to those entitled to receive the same, but that they must be delivered to the Board of Control which will be called together when the Medals are finished. I have no doubt that the Board of Control will pass a resolution authorizing and requesting the Secretary to make the distribution, - at least, that is the general impression.

I would be glad if they would take them off our hands and save the Department further trouble.

Very truly yours,
R. E. Preston.

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Claude M. Johnson, Esq.,
Chief of Bureau of Engraving & Printing,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have received the box containing the strip of silver bullion, forwarded you on the 12th instant, and shall return the same to the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to have it rolled to the thickness of the badge enclosed by you. So soon as the silver is returned from the mint, the same will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen $\frac{73}{100}$ Dollars ($15,915.73) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Forty-five $\frac{69}{100}$ Dollars ($145.69) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixteen Thousand and Sixty-one $\frac{42}{100}$ Dollars ($16,061.42), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, as shown by

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Memorandum No. 11 dated Sept. 13, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1895.

F. F. Chuch, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 11, dated Sept. 11, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 11 dated Sept. 7, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $16,106.66; charges $45.24, and net value $16,061.42. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I will thank you to obtain and forward to me a statement showing the rate per hundred dollars, at which real estate is assessed in Denver. I would like to have this information as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. W. L. Wilson,
Postmaster General.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a circular letter which your predecessor was kind enough to sign last fall, for the purpose of assisting the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco in collecting the statistics of the production of the precious metals in the United States, with the request that the same be returned to this Bureau with authority to change the date so as to make the circular applicable to the present year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1895.

Cashier Southern National Bank,
New York City, N.Y.

Sirs:

Your letter of the 16th instant enclosing check for $500.00 with the request that a like amount in pennies be shipped to the Plano National Bank, Plano, Texas, has been received, and referred to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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H. R. Helper, Esq.,
#167 West 49th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, you are informed that the value of the Peruvian Silver Sol, as compared with the American gold dollar on the 1st day of March 1878, was .8977, and on the 1st day of March 1895, .438

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1895.

Messers Merck & Co.,
#71 and #73 William Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant, you are respectfully informed that owing to unexpected delay in the manufacture of the Medals of Award, World's Columbian Exposition, it is probable they will not be ready for delivery before the middle of November, next.

Your letter has been referred to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time for the delivery of the Diplomas.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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C. E. Spurk, Esq.,
#33 Charles Street, Hatton Garden, E. C.
London, England.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, you are respectfully informed that no photographs or drawings of the Medals granted to Exhibitors at the World's Columbian Exposition, will be furnished prior to their delivery.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixty-eight Thousand and Seventy-one $\frac{79}{100}$ Dollars ($68,071.79) in Gold Coin, and Eight Hundred and Seventy-three $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars ($873.77) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars ($68,945.56) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 9, dated Sept. 13, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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September 18, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 9, dated Sept. 13, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9, dated Sept. 7, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $69,131.73; charges $186.17, and net value $68,945.56. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1895.

James H. Brown, Esq.,
Attorney at Law, Cooper Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I will thank you to furnish me with the grades of the lot offered by you for a site for the new Mint to be erected in your city, as I neglected to obtain same before leaving Denver.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1895.

J. D. Luke, Esq.,
New Bedford,
Coshocton Co., Ohio.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant,

requesting the value of certain foreign coins in United States money, I have to reply as follows:-

The 5 franc piece, being a full legal tender in France is quoted in New York at 96¢, while its value as compared with the United States silver dollar is .935, and its bullion value at the present market price of silver is .4867.

The bullion value of the Mexican silver dollar is .5287.
" " " " " Spanish 5 peseta piece is .4867,
and " " " " " Austro Hungary, two gulden piece is .4807.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1895.

Sanil B. Morgan, Esq.,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your telegram of the 17th instant offering as a site for the new Mint to be erected in your city, the Walker Property corner of Broadway and 11th Street, 175 x 150 feet for $40,000.00 has been received and will be duly considered.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:-

As it has been the practice of the Superintendent to forward a report covering the operations of the Assay Office, for publication in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, I would thank you to prepare an article for the Fiscal year 1895, similar to the one prepared for the last Annual Report, giving such information as you may deem of interest to the general public, embracing the operations of the departments of your institution. Your letter of the 26th of July enclosed only the report of the Melter and Refiner.

This information should reach the Bureau not later than the first proximo.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

As it has been the practice of the Superintendent to forward a report covering the operations of the Mint for publication in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, I would thank you to prepare an article for the Fiscal year 1895, similar to the one prepared for the last Annual Report, giving such

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information as you may deem of interest to the general public, embracing the operations of the departments of your institution.

This information should reach the Bureau not later than the first proximo.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Similar letters except as noted to:

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colorado.

+ + + Assayer in charge

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Similar letters, to:

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

W. E. Andrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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C. A. Brown, Esq.,
Withee, Wis.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of the 16th instant, I refer you to Benj. H. Collins, Numismatist, #1108 G. Street, Northwest, this city, as this Department does not posess any lists of "old and rare coins".

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1895.

A. H. Gleason, Esq.,
Lincoln, Neb.

Sir:-

In reply to your postal date the 16th instant, you are informed that during the calendar year 1893 there were coined 1,455,792 and in 1894, 3,093,972 silver dollars.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Actg Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1895.

James Shiner, Esq.,
Mc. Connellsburg,
Fulton Co., Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I refer you to Benj H. Collins, Numismatist, #1108 "G." Street, Northwest, this city, as

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this Department does not furnish such information.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1895.

Ad. Wermuth, Esq.,
German Commissioner,
Berlin, Germany.

Sir:

Your Cable message to Gov. Hoyt, has been referred to this Bureau for reply, and I have to inform you that owing to unexpected delay in the manufacture of the Medals for the World's Fair exhibitors, it is probable they will not be ready for delivery before the middle of November next.

Your message has been referred to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for reply as to the time for delivery of the Diplomas.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1895.

Hon. John G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at New York, be increased five million dollars ($5,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, the same

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to be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-six Thousand and Seventy-one $\frac{09}{100}$ Dollars ($76,071.09) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Ninety-two $\frac{91}{100}$ Dollars ($292.91) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-six Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-four $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars ($76,364.00) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver as shown by Memorandum No. 12, dated Sept. 17, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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September 20, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have requested that ~~your~~ Bullion Fund be increased five million dollars ($5,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in United States gold coin, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 12, dated Sept. 17, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 12, dated Sept. 13, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $76,552.40; charges $188.40, and net value $76,364.00. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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September 20, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of September 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del. 80	20.00
Total		$20.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:-

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 68	40.00
Total		$40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Halves	Del. 29	1.00
Total		$1.00

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I will thank you to hand the

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enclosed letter to the Engraver of your Mint.

I think it essential that Mr. Barber should go to Waterbury, Connecticut, to make an examination as to the character of the bronzing of the World's Fair Medals, now being manufactured by the Scovill Manufacturing Co., in that city.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with your verbal request, I have called the attention of the Supervising Architect to the proposal made to him by you some weeks ago, for a safe and certain locks required for the use of your Mint.

The Acting Supervising Architect has promised me that he will take up and dispose of the matter immediately.

Mr. Remington has submitted a supplemental bid in regard to the locks and about which the Supervising Architect will communicate with you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Telegram Confirmed.

As Carson City is shipping you current gold deposits, you should impose mint charges.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

September 20, 1895.

Charles E. Barber, Esq.,
Engraver, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed to Waterbury, Connecticut, and make an examination of the bronzing of the Medals of Award, World's Columbian Exposition, now being manufactured by the Scovill Manufacturing Co., of that city.

You will also make a general examination as to the manner in which the Medals are being struck and make such suggestions to the Contractor as you may think will add to the perfection of the Medal.

While engaged in this service your traveling and other necessary expenses will be paid upon your rendering an account of the same.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Claude M. Johnson, Esq.,
Superintendent,
Bureau of Engraving & Printing.

Sir:-

I return herewith the box containing a strip of silver, rolled in accordance with the specifications set forth in your letter of the 19th, instant, and I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

I have instructed the Express Co., to forward their bill for the transportation of this silver twice to Philadelphia and back, to you for payment.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-seven $\frac{61}{100}$ Dollars ($38,967.61) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Thirty $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars ($330.77) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-nine Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-eight $\frac{38}{100}$ Dollars ($39,298.38) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office

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at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 10, dated Sept. 19, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise, be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of ~~said~~ institution as follows:-

$50,000.- with Asst. Tr. U.S. at San Francisco and
50,000.- with Asst. Tr. U.S. at Chicago, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 10, dated Sept 19, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 10, dated Sept 14, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be

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$39,405.98; charges $107.60, and net value $39,298.38. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1895.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) and that $50,000.- be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco and a like amount with the Asst. Treasurer U. S. at Chicago, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins, taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint, during the Month of September, 1895, and forwarded for

test as prescribed by the Regulations.
The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.
+ + + Aug. & Sept. 1895, +

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.
+ + + September 1895,
+ + + + +

September 21, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of September 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:-

2 D. Eagles	,	Del. 81	, 40.00
2 H. Eagles	,	" 82	, 10.00
Total	,		, $50.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

over.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Half Dollars	Del. 30	1.00
	Total	$1.00

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You failed to return with the Engraver's reply, the letter of Mr. F. E. Belden. It is necessary I should have this letter before I can reply to him.

Please reply by return mail.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th. instant, with regard to employing four (4) or five (5) female counters, at two dollars ($2.00), per diem, to count the uncurrent subsidiary silver coin shipped to your Mint for storage, you are authorized to employ not more than five (5) counters at two dollars ($2.00) per day.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letters of the 28th ultimo and the 18th instant, with regard to the dismissal of Herman D. Money, from October 1st., I would suggest that you notify the gentleman that there is no further use for his services and ask for his resignation. In case this is not tendered, you can submit his removal in the regular manner.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 18th instant enclosing letter of the Coiner and designating L. M. Pipkin to act as Coiner during his absence, has been received and is approved.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:-

Your "Assets & Liabilities" Statement and "Bullion & Coin" Accts. for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, are returned herewith for correction.

You have failed to enter the charges on shipment #38, - $70.12, - in your "Philadelphia Mint" Acct. You also omitted sending the Mint Memorandum of this shipment, which transfer was made on June 5th 1895.

The total charges deducted at Mint for the Quarter should be $691.81.

You will please forward your Yearly Statement of shipments showing gains or losses in Assays and Collections so that the amounts entered in your Bullion Accts. may be checked.

You will please return the original Bullion Accts. with the corrected ones.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1895.

A. C. Dake, Esq.,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant, with enclosure is received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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J. W. Dupree, Esq.,
#1525 Lawrence Street,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 17th instant is received and will be duly considered.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1895.

Daniel Witter, Esq.,
Room #7 Union Block,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 17th instant, proposing to sell Lots #1, #2, #3, #4, #9, #10, #11 and #12 in Block #175, West Denver, for $40,000, is received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1895.

John C. Rice, Esq.,
#804 17th Street,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 12th instant, reducing the price of the property heretofore offered by you as a site for the new Mint in your city from $90,000 to $60,000, has been received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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C. B. Tillinghast, Esq.,
State Librarian
Boston, Mass.

Sir:-

As requested in your letter of the 20th, instant, I transmit herewith a copy of the Proceedings of the Assay Commission of 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letters of July 30th, and of the 21st instant, you are authorized to subscribe for the following named Scientific Magazine, for the six months ending December 31st, 1895:-

"Chemical News";
"Engineering & Mining Journal";
"American Journal of Numismatics";
"School of Mines";
"Journal American Chemical Society";
"Journal Society Chemical Industry."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant, requesting authority to expend $1,000.00 for repairs at your Mint, I would state that I have learned upon inquiry at the Office of the Supervising Architect, that they are now making arrangements and giving instructions for repairs to the roof and to make such other repairs as may be necessary. I have no doubt that these repairs will be made without delay.

When the repairs are made under the supervision of that office the expense (the first) be paid from the Appropriation for "Repairs and Preservation of Public Buildings."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1895.

J. J. Brock, Esq.,
1526 Destrehan Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:-

The affidavit enclosed by you of J. E. Shosenburg and others referring to Mr. Destrehan's one dollar bills which were partially destroyed is received, and same has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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H. S. Munroe, Esq.,
"Stoneledge",
Litchfield, Conn.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, requesting the name of a Numismatist, not a dealer, and who is an authority on Colonial coins, I would respectfully refer you to Mr. R. A. McClure, "Curator of the Cabinet" of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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C. W. Stump, Esq.,
Slanesville, West Virginia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, you are respectfully informed that the commercial value of silver produced during the calendar year 1894 as stated by this Bureau, is based upon the average price of silver in London for the calendar year, and which is computed from the daily quotations.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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September 24, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in Gold Coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution, with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Date a/c forwarded no letter.
" " received, July 15, 1895.

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Worthington C. Ford,
Chief, Bureau of Statistics,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish, for the Report of the Director of the Mint for the Fiscal year ending June 30th, 1895, at the earliest possible moment, the following statements:-

1.- Annual Statements of Imports and Exports of gold and silver during the year ending June 30, 1895;

2.- Table of the value of gold and silver ores imported to and exported from the United States during the same fiscal year;

3.- Statements by Countries of the Imports of gold and silver into the United States during the same year;

4.- Statement by Countries of the Exports of gold and silver during same year;

5.- Statement by Countries of the Exports of Foreign gold and silver during same year;

6.- Also Statement showing by Customs Districts, the quantities and values of silver ore imported into the United States during same fiscal year, with the quantities and values of gold, silver, lead and copper contained in the ore, so far as can be ascertained.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, in Gold Coin, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of September 1895, and forwarded to the

Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Half Dollars	Del. 70	1.00
2 D. Eagles	" 83	40.00
Total		$41.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 69	40.00
Total		$40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 H. Dollars	Del. 31	1.00
Total		$1.00

September 24, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, relative to the amount of uncurrent silver coin to be shipped you from New York for storage, I will state that I am informed by the Treasurer of the United States that $200,000 will be shipped you this week and $600,000 per week hereafter, until the entire amount is delivered.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In reply to your communication of the 23rd. instant, requesting that four copies of "Instructions and Regulations" be sent you, you are informed that I have this day sent you four copies of the same of the edition of 1888. I have no copies of the edition of 1890 that can be spared.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1895.

The "Collector of Customs",
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

I will thank you to prepare a statement covering the Fiscal year ended June 30, 1895, similar to the one which you furnished for my last Fiscal Report, showing the amount of gold and silver contained in Copper Matte exported from the Port of New York during the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1894.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:

The "Collector of Customs",
Baltimore, Md.

\+ + + for Fiscal Report
\+ contained in Copper Matte + + +
\+ + Fiscal year + June 30, 1894.

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Hon. Charles Curtis,
Topeka, Kans.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 18th instant, I enclose herewith statements showing the amount of deposits of foreign gold coin and bullion at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States for the calendar years ended December 31st. 1890-1894, inclusive, and for the six months ending June 30th, 1895. I also enclose statement of the imports and exports of gold and silver during the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1895.

H. A. Strode, Esq.,
Clemson College P.O., S.C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, you are informed that the power of coining money is vested by the Constitution, solely in the Government of the United States and no coin can be struck without specific authority from Congress.

It would be illegal for any one to put out as a token, a coin purporting to be a half-cent.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows:-

$20,000.- with Asst. Treasurer U. S. at New York,
5,000.- with Commercial Natl Bank at Charlotte.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine $\frac{64}{100}$ Dollars ($23,259.64) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and and Forty-six $\frac{79}{100}$ Dollars ($246.79) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-three Thousand Five Hundred and Six $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars ($23,506.43) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States

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Assay Office at Boise as shown by Memorandum No. 12 dated Sept. 21, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) and that $20,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and $5,000.- with the Commercial Nat'l Bank at Charlotte.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1895.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 12, dated Sept. 21, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 12, dated Sept. 14, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $23,576.28; charges $69.85, and net value $23,506.43. For the latter amount a transfer has been

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requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of September, 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Half Dollars	Del. 71	1.00
Total		$1.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:-
John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 70	40.00
Total		$40.00

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am informed by the Treasurer of the United States that it will be necessary for the

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Assistant Treasurer at Chicago to remove from the present office and there are now on hand at that Institution $61,600 in uncurrent minor coins of the several denominations and it is desired that these should be transferred to the Mint for recoinage.

I have informed the Treasurer that we would receive these coins and melt and recoin them, but have stipulated with him that he would not proceed to move any of them until after I have heard from you and you have had an opportunity to make the necessary arrangements for receiving the same.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

For the reasons stated in your letter of the 24th instant, I have decided to approve the appointment of an additional watchman, to take effect from the first proximo.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Enc.

September 25, 1895.

F. E. Belden, Esq.,
Bible Kindergarten and Music Co.,
#438 East 62nd Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant was referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, with the request that the Engraver of that institution might answer the inquiries contained therein.

I enclose herewith for your information, a copy of his reply.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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J. R. Clemmons, Esq.,
Kingston, Texas.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, you are informed that the edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1894 is exhausted and the Report for 1895 will not be ready until December, next.

Of the silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th 1890, there remains now on hand in the Treasury 137,639,616 ounces; the cost of which was $134,076,974, being an average cost of $0.9244 per ounce.

At this rate the value of the bullion contained in a silver dollar would be 71½ cents; consequently, upon all silver dollars coined from this bullion there is

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a seigniorage or profit to the Government of 28½ cents and hence the circulating medium of the country is increased to that extent on each dollar coined. The cost of the silver contained in the dollar being represented by Treasury Notes issued in payment therefor and outstanding.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1895.

David T. Day, Esq.,
Chief of Mining Division,
Cotton States & International Exposition
Mining Building, Piedmont Park,
Atlanta, Ga.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 21st instant with enclosures, complaining of the high rates charged for the manufacture of two gold and two silver cubes, was referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, and I enclose herewith a copy of his reply. I also enclose the enclosures contained in your letter.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1895.

Geo. B. Grant,
Grant Calculating Machine Co.,
Lexington, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th ultimo,

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I have to request that you will have manufactured as early as possible, two calculating machines with 16 register wheels and 8 setting pins, at a cost not exceeding ninety dollars ($90.00) each.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1895.

B. F. Havens, Esq.,
Executive Commissioner
Board of World's Fair Managers,
Terra Haute, Indiana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, you are informed that as yet the manufacture of the medals of award for the World's Columbian Exposition have not been completed, owing to unexpected and unavoidable delays. So soon as the medals are finished they will probably be turned over to the Board of Managers for distribution.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1895.

H. H. Topokyan, Esq.,
#1 Madison Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant, you are respectfully advised that owing to unexpected delays in the manufacture

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of the medals of award for the World's Columbian Exposition, they will probably not be ready for delivery until the latter part of November.

Regretting the unexpected and unavoidable delay, I am,

Yours respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of September 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	, Del 72	,	.50
2 D. Eagles	, " 84	,	40.00
2 H. Eagles	, " 85	,	10.00
Total	,	,	$50.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of September 1895, and forwarded for

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test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 25th instant requesting authority to purchase twenty-four (24) copper annealing canisters and caps, and enclosing bids for the same is received. You are authorized to accept the bid of Messrs. Ford Brothers to furnish the canisters etc., for $266.40.

The bids together with the letter of the coiner are returned herewith.

In rendering your account please note on voucher the date of the authority for this purchase.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt., U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I notice from your form #193 that you had on hand August 31, 1895, 80,683 standard ounces of silver bullion, purchased for the subsidiary silver coinage.

over.

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You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to convert this silver bullion into half and quarter dollars, in equal proportions as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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F. E. Belden, Esq.,
#438 East 62nd, Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I omitted to enclose in my letter of yesterday the pamphlet entitled "Coins and Medals of the Cabinet of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia", and referred to by the Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia, in copy of the letter forwarded you yesterday.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1895.

Hon. R. H. Clarke,
#4 "B" Street N. E.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In reply to the inquiries contained in your letter of the 3rd instant, I would say:-

1.- How much free silver bullion there is in the world, I am unable to say. I do not believe there is any way of determining it even approximately. There may not be more than $20,000,000 worth; for all the

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silver produced during a year finds some market, somewhere. Only little is held in reserve except where there is some well-founded hope of a rise in the price. But whether there is now no more than $20,000,000 worth of free silver bullion in the world that would be dumped in our Mints for mintage under a free coinage law is not the real question. The question is how much of the annual product of silver would come to our Mints for coinage, if the coinage of silver were free in this country.

On page 34 of my Report on the Production of the Precious Metals, to be issued shortly, the following paragraph occurs, as part of an article by one of the most eminent German Economists and Statisticians, — Prof. W. Lexis:-

"England will maintain a silver standard in its possessions in Farther India, for the mint at Bombay will soon begin the coinage of a silver dollar corresponding to the Japanese yen, and it hopes that this dollar will be widely disseminated in the rest of Eastern Asia as a trade coin. Japan will probably, now that the war is ended, make an effort to introduce the gold standard. On the other hand, it may be assumed as certain that China will continue on the silver basis and that the export of that metal thither will be greater in the future than in the past. In the year 1894 England alone exported £. 3,151,000 of silver to China, which represented a weight of 700,000 Kilograms.

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It is therefore very possible that even under present conditions 2,000,000 kilograms of silver may be absorbed yearly by Eastern Asia. The industrial consumption of silver in Europe and America in 1894 increased about 1,000,000 kilograms in consequence of the low price of the metal.

If we now consider what is consumed by Mexico and the other American silver-standard countries in coinage for their own trade, and the coinages of the subsidiary silver coins in all countries, it seems probable that at the price of 27 pence an outlet for 3,500,000 kilograms can be found."

I think that 3,500,000 kilograms represents approximately the present industrial and monetary demand for silver. Now the amount of silver produced in 1894 was, in round numbers 5,183,000 kilograms, or 1,683,000 kilograms more than there is an actual demand for. This difference may be considered as the minimum amount of free silver bullion newly produced, which would come to our Mints for coinage, if the coinage of silver were free here. It represents a coining value of $59,945,480 or in round numbers $60,000,000. It is safe to say, however, that, under a free coinage law, which would make the price of silver $1.2929 per ounce fine, instead of about 67 cents, the production would in a short time amount to at least 7,000,000 kilograms, and the excess of supply over present demand

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reach 3,600,000 kilograms with a coining value of $145,000,000, which I consider the minimum that would then come to our Mints every year for coinage.

Now with reference to Germany; Germany's sales of silver were suspended in 1879 on account of the loss attending the sales, caused by the continued depreciation of the metal; at that time a certain amount of silver obtained from the melting of silver coins remained on the hands of the Empire, but in 1886, Germany sold the entire remainder of the silver bullion obtained from the melting of its old silver coins to the Egyptian Government at the rate of 46-47 1/2 d per ounce standard, realizing therefor 6,898,002.78 Marks. (Mark at $0.2387). It still has some silver Thalers in circulation, but they are not for sale either as bullion or coin.

The number of such Thalers is not accurately known.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1895.

Albert H. Leczynsky, Esq.,
#35 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant, you are informed that the mints of the United States coined from January 1, to September 1, 1895, 6,309,151

silver quarter dollars of the value of $1,577,287.75. as follows:-

Mints.	Pieces.	Value.
Philadelphia,	2,756,470	$ 689,117.50
San Francisco,	1,504,681	376,170.25
New Orleans,	2.048,000	512.000.00
	6,309,151	$1,577,287.75

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Sixty-nine Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-seven $\frac{14}{100}$ Dollars ($69,377.14) in Gold Coin, and Six Hundred and Ninety-two $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars ($692.20) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy Thousand and Sixty-nine $\frac{34}{100}$ Dollars ($70,069.34) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 13, dated Sept. 24, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Date a/c forwarded July 20, 1895.
" " received " 27, 1895.

September 27, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 13 dated Sept. 24, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 13, dated Sept. 20, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $70,258.23; charges $188.89, and net value $70,069.34. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

In your next Quarters accounts you will please open a new account termed "Embezzlement Account", you will debit this Account and credit "Gold Bullion" Account, with the amount of the M & R's shortage, viz:- 4,060.799 standard ounces; value $75,549.75.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I would thank you to forward C/D #8869, for $500.00, issued in your name, August 26th, on A/c. Medal Fund. They are making inquiry for same in the Division of Public Moneys.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of September 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 D. Eagles	Del. 86	40.00
Total		$40.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 86	40.00
Total		$40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Half Dollars	Del. 32	1.00
Total		$1.00

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Hon. J. H. Gallinger,
Concord, New Hampshire.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 25th instant, inquiring as to the difference of meaning between the expressions

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"full legal tender silver" and limited legal tender silver", as used in my annual report, I have to say that the term "full legal tender silver" means all silver coins which are legal tender in payment of debts or money obligations of any amount, no matter how large, as for instance, the standard silver dollars of the United States and the 5 franc silver piece in the countries of the Latin Union; and the term "limited legal tender silver" to fractional or subsidiary silver coins, which are legal tender for only small amounts. Thus in the United States all silver coins of a denomination below the dollar are limited in legal tender power to the amount of ten dollars, and in the Latin Union all silver coins of a denomination less than the 5 franc silver piece are legal tender between individuals only to the amount of 50 francs, or about ten dollars.

England has only silver of limited tender, silver coins having a debt-paying power in that country only to the amount of two pounds sterling. Previous to 1879 the subsidiary coins of the United States were legal tender only to the amount of five dollars. By the act of June 9th of that year, they were made legal tender to the amount of ten dollars. I think this explanation ought to satisfy Congressman elect Sulloway, whose letter is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. F. G. Newlands,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In answer to your communication of the 25th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. Skinner, relative to the U. S. Treasury receiving Mexican coins, etc., I have to say that the two Sections of the Act spoken of, is as follows:

Act of February 21, 1857.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the pieces commonly known as the quarter-eighth and sixteenth of the Spanish pillar dollar, and of the Mexican dollar shall be receivable at the Treasury of the United States, and its several offices, and at the several post offices, at the rates of valuation following, - that is to say the fourth of a dollar, or piece of two reals, at twenty cents; the eighth of a dollar, or piece of one real, at ten cents; and the sixteenth of a dollar or half real at five cents."

"Sec. 2. - And be it further enacted, That the said coins, when so received, shall not again be paid out or put in circulation, but shall be recoined at the Mint. And it shall be the duty of the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary and proper, to secure their transmission to the Mint for recoinage, and the

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return or distribution of the proceeds thereof, when deemed expedient, and to prescribe such forms of account as may be appropriate and applicable to the circumstances: Provided, That the expenses incident to such transmission or distribution, and of recoinage, shall be charged against the account of silver profit and loss, and the net profits, if any, shall be paid from time to time into the Treasury of the United States."

The repeal of this law in October, 1890, reads as follows:-

"Sec. 52.- That the value of foreign coin as expressed in the money of account of the United States shall be that of the pure metal of such coin of standard value; and the values of the standard coins in circulation of the various nations of the world shall be estimated quarterly by the Director of the Mint, and be proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury immediately after the passage of this act and thereafter quarterly on the first of January, April, July and October in each year."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Mr. Skinner's letter is returned herewith.

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Hon. Wm. M. Stewart,
United States Senate,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, requesting that a copy of the last Annual Report of this Bureau be sent to Mr. M. W. Oliver, Cincinnati, Ohio, I regret that I can not comply with the same as the edition of this report is exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will, on receipt hereof, telegraph the amount of silver you have on hand available for subsidiary coinage.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, to that of the

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United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-six $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars ($59,936.68) in Gold Coin, and Seven Hundred and Eighty-three $\frac{05}{100}$ Dollars ($783.05) (in silver coin), making a total of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred and Nineteen $\frac{73}{100}$ Dollars ($60,719.73) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 11, dated Sept. 26, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 11, dated Sept. 26, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No 11, dated September 21, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $60,884.15; charges $164.42 and net value $60,719.73. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:-

C. D. No. 8869 for $500.00 being on account of Profits on Medals, inclosed in your communication of the 28th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury— personal credit to be given you in your Medal Fund account, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Chicago by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Final Wages and Contingent expenses accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Accounts sent Sept. 6, 1895.
" received " 7, 1895.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

+ + + Salary & Contingent Expense (including labor) + + Assayer in charge + Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. + month + July 31, 1895 + + +

Account sent August 2, 1895;
" recd " 5, 1895.
but was misloid in the Office of the Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand

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Dollars ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your final Wages and Contingent expense accounts for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:-

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + + Salary and
Contingent expense + + Month
ending July 31, 1895 + + +

October 1, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of September 1895, and forwarded

to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 75	.50
2 D. Eagles	" 89	40.00
Total		$40.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as noted, to:-

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 72	40.00
Total		$40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

4 H. Dollars	Dels 33+34	2.00
Total		$2.00

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Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo, requesting to be advised as to the appropriation from which Mr. Barber's expenses to Waterbury are to be paid, I enclose herewith blank voucher upon which you will have Mr. Barber render his account, and forward the same to this Bureau, attaching the letter of authority to same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

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Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Telegram Confirmed. It is necessary that you should keep up your stock of subsidiary silver coin. The stock of half-dollars appears to be exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8890 for $85,000.00 being on account of Profits on Minor Coinage, inclosed in your communication of the 30th ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No 8891 for $64.00 + Special Assays + Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, + 30th ult + no personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 8892 for $252.44 + Alloy Charges Dr. endg Sept. 30, 1895 + 30th ult. + personal credit + bullion + miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 8893 for $8,218.61 + Parting and Refining Charges, Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895 + 30th. ult. + personal credit + bullion + to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining bullion.

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Charles E. Barber, Esq.,
Engraver, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo, giving the results of your visit to the Scovill Manufacturing Company at Waterbury Connecticut, has been received.

I think it very desirable that some one who has a knowledge of bronzing should visit Waterbury and examine these medals at stated intervals, say every ten days. I do not propose to allow a single medal to be accepted that is not up to the standard.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1895.

J. W. Newcomer, Esq.,
Suite 517, Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo, you are informed that the edition of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1894, is exhausted, and that for 1895, will not be printed until December next.

over.

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Your letter has been referred to the Commissioner of the General Land Office for reply in regard to the Mining Laws of the U. S.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1895.

J. S. Cohen, Esq.,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 1st instant, I have this day mailed a copy of my last annual report to Hon. A. P. Brantley, Blackshear, Pierce County, Ga.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1895.

The Ore & Hess Machine Co.,
No 1518 Spring Garden Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sirs:-

Your letter of the 30th ultimo, enclosing bills of bronze boxes for rolling mill, furnished the Mint at Philadelphia in July, 1893, has been received, and the same has been referred to the Superintendent of that Institution for report. You should state in detail the reasons why you were not paid for these boxes by the then Superintendent, O. C. Rosbyshell.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director of the Mint.

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George L. Remington, Esq.,
No. 624 Richmond Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo received, and referred to the Supervising Architect. The Superintendent of the Mint, I am advised by the Architect preferred another safe to the one offered by you, and I am under the impression that the same has been ordered by the Secretary.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-five $\frac{49}{100}$ Dollars ($13,895.49) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Fifty-one $\frac{90}{100}$ Dollars ($151.90) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand and Forty-seven $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars ($14,047.39) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise as shown by Memorandum No. 13 dated Sept. 27, 1895 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address: over.

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+ + + Mint at Carson + Mint at San Francisco + One Hundred and Forty-eight Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-nine $\frac{08}{100}$ Dollars ($148,629.08) in Gold Coin + Thirty-three Hundred and Ninety-one $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars ($3,391.75) in Silver Coin, making a total of One Hundred and Fifty-two Thousand and Twenty $\frac{83}{100}$ Dollars ($152,020.83) + Bullion + Superintendent + Mint at Carson + + Memorandum No. 1850-1856 + September 20, 1895 + + +

October 2, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the final Contingent expense account, of the late Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., for the period ending May 31, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Account sent June 21, 1895.
" recd " 22, 1895.
together with C/D for amount involved.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

+ + Final Wages & Contingent Expense + + Superintendent + Mint at Philadelphia + for the Fiscal year + June 30, 1895 + + +

Account sent Aug. 28, 1895.
" recd " 29, 1895.

over

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+ + Statistical expense
+ Assayer in charge + Assay Office
at Charlotte, N. C. + Fiscal year +
June 30, 1895 + + +

October 2, 1895.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 13, dated Sept. 27, 1895. of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 13, dated Sept. 21, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $14,085.74; charges $38.35, and net value $14,047.39. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Deposit Memorandum No. 1850-1856 + Sept. 20, 1895
+ Mint at San Francisco, Shipment Nos 1 to 3
dated — + + + +
$152,539.86; + $519.03 + $152,020.83.
+ + + + +

October 2, 1895.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
late Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper

accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, the final Contingent expense account for the period ending May 31, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:-

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

\+ + + Wages and
Contingent expense + Fiscal year
\+ June 30, 1895, + +

W. E. Andrew, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

\+ + + Statistical Expense
\+ Fiscal year + June 30, 1895 + +

October 2, 1895.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to convert the silver bullion you have on hand purchased for the subsidiary silver coins without further notice from this Bureau into halves and quarter dollars.

The Treasury has on hand a large stock of dimes, while the demand is almost exclusively for halves and quarter dollars.

I will thank you to give me an estimate as to the amount of your gold coinage for the current month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director of Mint.

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of October 1895, has been approved for the sum of $36,350.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1896,	$ 3,500.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	25,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	5,000.
Parting & Refining bullion	—	2,500.
Storage of Silver Bullion	—	350.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

+ + + October 1895 +

+ + $13,400.00 + +

Salaries,	1896,	$ 3,300.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	2,300.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	800.
Parting & Refining bullion	—	7,000.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

+ + October 1895 + + $3,000.00 +

Salaries,	1896	$1,000
Wages of Workmen,	1896	1,600
Contingent Expenses,	1896	400

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:-

Please coin the balance of bullion you have on hand, resulting from the melting of worn and uncurrent silver coins, transferred, as early as practicable as the demand for exchange coins is very active.

You will coin the same into halves and quarter-dollars in equal proportions.

Do not coin any dimes hereafter unless specifically instructed to do so.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans.

Sir:

C. D. No. 84 for $4.59 being on account of Alloy Charges, Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 30th ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt. Why don't you say "Alloy Chgs." instead of "Profit + Loss" the latter is no explanation + means nothing.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters to same address: over.

C. D. No. 85 for $257.72 + Parting + Refining Charges, Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, + 30th ult. + + personal credit + bullion + to the credit of the appropriation for Parting + Refining bullion.

C. D. No. 86 for $2.00 + Special Assays Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, + 30th ult. + + no personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous.

Why don't you say "Special Assays" instead of "miscellaneous receipts" the latter might mean — Sale of old material — Sale of By-products etc.

I will thank you to forward the itemized statement of the Assayer for this account and in future forward all statements with the certificates.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 668 for $340.58 being on account of Sale of Old material, Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 1st inst. has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 669 for $370.00 + Special Assays

over.

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Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, + + 1st inst,
+ + no personal credit + bullion
+ + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 670 for $1381.72 + Sale of
By-products Dr. endg Sept 30, 1895 + 1st inst
+ + no personal credit + bullion
+ + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 671 for $564.63 + Alloy Charges
Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895 + 1st inst. + +
personal credit + bullion + +
+ as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 672 for $21,303.56 + Parting
+ Refining Charges, Dr. endg. Sept 30, 1895 +
+ 1st inst. + + personal credit
+ bullion + to the credit of the
appropriation for parting + refining bullion.

October 2, 1895.

James B. Carr, Esq.,
No. 66 2nd Street North,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th ultimo, I would state that it is impossible to give you the information requested for the reason that prior to the establishment of this Bureau in 1873, no separate statistics of the character of the bullion deposited at the Mints was kept.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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H. R. Helfer, Esq.,
No. 167 West 49th Street,
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo, you are informed that on June 30th, 1876, the value of the Peruvian Sol was $0.7812.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1895.

Scovill Manufacturing Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Sirs:-

I am informed by the Acting Chairman of the World's Columbian Exposition that the name William Probstfield, Department "A", Group 1, Class 1, should read R. M. Probstfield. Kindly make the correction.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, advising this Bureau of your action in dropping the name of Lamar P. Simpson from the rolls of the Melter and Refiner's Department for long continued absence, I have to request

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that you will further advise this Bureau at what date the pay of this person ceases. Of course, there is no question as to approving your action, but only as to whether he is to be paid to include the 30th ultimo, notwithstanding his long absence from duty.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1895.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Telegram Confirmed

Forward statements immediately forms two hundred and eight and two hundred and thirteen, also assets and liabilities, close of fiscal year.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

October 3, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of October 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 76	.50
Total		$ .50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

over.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

September 1895

2 D. Eagles	Del. 73	40.00
Total		$40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

October, 1895

2 Halves	Del. 55	1.00
Total		$1.00

October 3, 1895.

Messrs. Pixley & Abell,
No. 27 Old Broad Street,
London, England.

Sir:

I would be greatley indebted of you will kindly answer the following questions:

1st. At what rate are United States legal tender notes exchanged in London by brokers or others, against the pound sterling?

2nd. At what rate would United States silver dollars be so, exchanged?

The former, as you are doubtlees aware, are redeemable in gold, at par upon presentation at the United States Treasury, and the latter are a full legal tender and have the same purchasing power as gold in this country.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy,

I am, Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. W. Taber, Esq.,
Brown's Palace Hotel,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Your letters duly received. Since my return, I have carefully considered the property offered by you as a site for the new Mint, and I do not think, especially when there are so many desirable properties without improvements offered, that the Government should purchase as a site for the new Mint, any property into which it would be necessary in fixing the price to take into consideration the improvements thereon as valuable as those on the site offered by you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of October 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

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2 Halves		" 78	, 1.00
Total			, $1.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I will thank you to furnish this Bureau, as early as practicable, a statement showing be denominations the amount of minor coins melted at your Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I will thank you to inform me, if in your opinion you are likely at an early day, to require an additional supply of bronze one-cent blanks.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith please find draft of Thomas J. Hobbs, Disbursing Clerk, on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States

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Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith please find draft of Thomas J. Hobbs, Disbursing Clerk, on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States

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at New York, in favor of Charles E. Barber, for fifteen dollars and ninety cents ($15.90), the same being in payment of his account for expenses in visiting Waterbury, Connecticut, by direction of this Bureau.

I will thank you to hand the check to Mr. Barber.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1895.

To the
Honorable Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the action of the Deputy Auditor in disapproving requisitions of this Bureau for advances of funds for the support of institutions subordinate to it; I have the honor to request that the provisions of the act in the matter of advances, be waived during the current month, for the reason that the clerk in this Bureau who has been accustomed to examining the accounts has been sick for some months, and the force of the office would not admit of assigning another to the work. The accounts were promptly rendered by the official responsible for their rendition, and the delay has occurred as explained above.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3946 for $319.12 being on account of Value of Sweep-bar D. M. Room, Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 30 ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 3947 for $1192.86 + Melting, Assaying + Stamping Chgs. Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, + 30th. ult. + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 3948 for $9.00 + Special Assays Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, + 30th ult. + no personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

October 4, 1895.

Scovill Manufacturing Company,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Sirs:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd, instant in reply to mine of the 2nd instant, requesting that the name of William Probstfield, Exhibitor in Department A, Group 1, Class 1, be

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changed to R. M. Probstfield, in which you state that the medal has already been struck with the original name, and before changing the die you await further instructions. As the error in the name was no fault of yours or of this Bureau but of the Bureau of Awards, you are informed that you will be allowed for striking an additional medal, the first one to be destroyed.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1895.

L. J. Lofge & Bro.,
No. 143 Fillmore Street,
Nashville, Tenn.

Sirs:-

Your letter and enclosure of the 1st instant, received. The same has been referred to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, who will return you the value of the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1895.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Fostoria, Ohio.

Telegram Confirmed.

Standard silver dollars four hundred and twenty-three million, two eighty-nine thousand three hundred; Subsidiary silver, seventy-six million, two ninety one thousand eight hundred eighty.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. James B. McCreary,
Richmond, Kentucky.

Telegrams Confirmed.

Number of silver dollars coined for twelve months ending October first, two million, one hundred twelve thousand nine hundred eleven. Aggregate public debt of the United States October first, one billion one hundred twenty-six million four hundred ninety-five thousand dollars.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, to the Treasury of the United States of the sum of $7,050., payable as follows:-

In gold Certificates	$ 50.
Silver Certificates	2000.
Treasury Notes	5000.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, to that of the United

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States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixty-two Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-three $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars ($62,793.62) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Ninety-nine $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars ($599.84) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-three Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-three $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars ($63,393.46) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 14, dated Oct. 2, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages, Refinery & Contingent Expenses, Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts, of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal., for the month ending August 31, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Note certificate on abstract.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Account sent Sept. 10, 1895.
" recd " 16, 1895.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

+ + Salary, Wages, Contingent Expense + Superintendent + New Orleans. over.

+ Month + August 31 1895 + +
Account sent Sept. 6, 1895.
" recd " 9, 1895.

+ + Salary, Wages and Contingent Expense account +
Superintendent + Mint at Carson, Nev.
+ Month + August 31, 1895 + +

+ + Salary and Contingent Expense (including labor) + +
Assayers in charge + Assay Offices at Boise & Charlotte + Month + August 31, 1895 +

October 5, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the Treasury of the United States of the sum of $7050, payable as follows:-

Gold Certificates -- $ 50.
Silver Certificates -- 2000.
Treasury Notes -- 5000.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 14, dated Oct. 2, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 14 dated Sept. 28, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $63,566.95; charges $173.49, and net value $63,393.46. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Salary, Wages, Contingent, Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending August 31, 1895, with my approval, except Voucher 39, which is recommended to be suspended awaiting explanation, it being impossible of verification.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as noted, to the following:

over.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

+	+	+	Salary, Wages
+ Contingent Expense		+	Month +
August 31, 1895		+	+

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt., Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nev.

+	+	+	Salary, Wages +
Contingent Expense	+	Month	+ August 31, 1895, +

W. E. Andrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

+	+	+	Salary + Contingent
Expense (including labor)		+	Month
+ August 31, 1895		+	+

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

+	+		Salary + Contingent
Expense (including labor)		+	Month
+ August 31, 1895		+	+

October 5, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of October 1895.

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and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 D. Eagles	Dels. 90+91	80.00
Total		$80.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I return herewith for correction, the following parts of your Bullion account for the quarter ended June 30th, 1895:-

Gold bullion account; deposit and purchase account; parting and refining account and summary of operations.

It does seem that after the instructions that have been repeatedly given in regard to these accounts that your bookkeeper would be able to render at least, one set of accounts that was not necessary to be returned for correction, and I must insist that more care be exercised in the future in rendering these accounts.

I would also call your attention to the fact that it was necessary a few days since, to telegraph you for statements that should have accompanied your bullion accounts. It would seem considering the clerical force you have and the comparatively small amount of work devolving on them, that all statements

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required could be rendered promptly.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of October, 1895 has been approved for the sum of $2400.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:-

Salaries,	1896,	700.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	1300.
Contingent Expenses	1896,	400.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:-

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + October, 1895, +

+ $452.70 + + +

Salaries,	1896,	$252.70
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	200.00

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I return herewith sample record book of bullion delivered to the Melter and Refiner, Form No. 364, requisition for which covering fifty copies was made on the 3rd instant and will be forwarded on their receipt from the Public Printer.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

C. D. No. 144 for $146.00 being on account of Special Assays, Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 30th. ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:-

C. D. No. 143 for $918.22 + Melting Assaying & Stamping Chgs. Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, + 30th. ult. + personal credit

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+ bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

October 5, 1895.

John D. Grow, Esq.,
Paying Teller, 1st Natl Bank, Englewood,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I would state that the dime enclosed by you is genuine but that since it left the Mint its circumference has been enlarged by being placed under heavy pressure, and I return the same herewith.

Should you wish the dime redeemed and will forward the same another one will be returned to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1895.

E. J. Remick, Esq.,
Chief Clerk, State Department.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 4th instant, I forward you by todays mail, two copies of the Coinage Laws of the United States, 1792 to 1894 with an appendix of statistics relating to coinage and currency.

The report of the Director of the Mint on the Production of the Precious Metals 1894, has not yet been received from the printer, but is expected in the course of a few days, when two copies will be sent you for transmission to the Consul General at Havana.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

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Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

C. D. No. 144 for $146.00 being on account of Special Assays, Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 30th. ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:-

C. D. No. 143 for $918.22 + Melting Assaying + Stamping Chgs. Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, + 30th. ult. + personal credit

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October 5, 1895.

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Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1895.

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Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director of the Mint.

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Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Salary + Contingent Expense (including labor) accounts, of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., for the month ending August 31, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Account sent Sept. 5, 1895.
" recd " 9, 1895.

October 7, 1895.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Salary and Contingent Expense (including labor) accounts for the month ending August 31, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Calr.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses

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of your institution during the Month of October 1895, has been approved for the sum of $21,000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:-

Salaries,	1896,	$ 3,500.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	13,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	1,500.
Parting & Refining bullion	—	3,000.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + October 1895 +
+ + $11,200.00 + +

Salaries,	1896,	$ 2,700
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	7,000
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	1,500

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Carson, Nev.

+ + October, 1895 + $2,900.00 +

Salaries,	1896,	$ 1,200.
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	1,200.
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	500.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U.S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

+ + October, 1895 + $1107.10 +

Salaries,	1896,	$269.60
Wages of Workmen,	1896,	837.50
Contingent Expenses,	1896,	

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, stating the amount of one-cent bronze blanks and stamped pieces on hand and also nickel, it appears that at the present rate of demand for the one-cent bronze pieces you have a sufficient supply on hand to last about sixty days. In the mean time, the Treasurer of the United States will transfer to you from time to time such an amount of these coins as are not required at the sub-Treasury offices. What this will amount to I cannot at present say, but I feel satisfied that the demand for these coins will increase with the approach of the holidays, and if you think it advisable, you are authorized to purchase, say, seventy five thousand (75,000) pounds of bronze one-cent blanks to be delivered in the course of the next forty days.

I learn from the Treasurer of the United States that they have on hand in the several offices a large amount of five cent nickel pieces and I have arranged with him to transfer to you for cleaning and reissue one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.) in such pieces. These will be transferred to you in sums of five thousand dollars ($5,000.) every other day after Friday next, as the first shipments will be made from Chicago.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward a statement showing the denominations and value of proof coins sold during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1894. I will thank you to also furnish me with a statement showing the amount of minor coins recoined at your Institution during the fiscal year 1895, and the cost of any metal it was necessary to purchase on this account.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find a rough draft of the rules and regulations it is proposed to adopt to govern the assaying and reporting of bullion at the several Mints and Assay Offices.

I will thank you to go over the same with your Assayer and Mr. Wilder and suggest such changes as you may think desirable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages and Contingent expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + Salary and Contingent Expense (including labor) + Sept. 30, 1895.

October 7, 1895.

C. P. Goss, Esq.,
Scoville Manufacturing Company,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant, I would say that at present we have on hand at the Philadelphia Mint a sufficient amount in blanks and one cent pieces to last about sixty days, but I have authorized the Superintendent, if he thinks it advisable, to purchase 75 pounds in bronze one-cent blanks.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Joseph Wheeler,
Wheeler, Alabama.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, you are informed that the report on the Production of the Precious Metals for the calendar year, 1894 has not yet been received from the Printer, but is expected in the course of a few days when a copy will be sent you.

The production of gold in the United States for the calendar year 1894 is estimated to have been $39,500,000, and of silver 49,500,000 fine ounces of the coining value of $64,000,000 and the commercial value $31,422,000.

The World's production of gold for 1894, is estimated to have been $180,000,000. and of silver 156,602,000 fine ounces of the coining value of $215,404,600 and the commercial value of $126,829,383.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1895.

E. P. Reichhelm & Co.,
80 Nassau St., New York City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find check in payment of your bill for melter recently furnished for the use of the Laboratory connected with this Bureau. Please cause receipt to be acknowledged.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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October 7, 1895.

Henry Troemner, Esq.,
No. 710 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed please find check in payment of your bill for repairing balances belonging to the Laboratory connected with this Bureau. Please cause receipt of same to be acknowledged and oblige,

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

October 7, 1895.

The Publishers
Bankers Magazine.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find check for $5.00 in payment of your bill for subscription to the Bankers Magazine for one year to June 30, 1896. I will thank you to cause receipt of same to be acknowledged.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

October 8, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages, Contingent, Refinery & Storage of Silver Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadel-

Phia, Pa. for the month ending August 31, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,

A/c sent Sept. 10, 1895 R. E. Preston,
" recd " 11, 1895. Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

+ + Salary, Wages, Contingent
+ Refinery expense + Superintendent
+ U. S. Assay Office at New York City +
Month + August 31, 1895, + +
A/c sent Sept. 6, 1895,
" recd " 7, 1895.

+ + + Bullion accounts
+ Assayer in charge + Assay Office
at Boise + Quarter + June 30, 1895 + +
Date a/c forwarded, no letter
" " received July 6, 1895.

October 8, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Salary, Wages, Contingent, Refinery & Storage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending August 31, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

over

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt., U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

+ + + Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery Expense + + +

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise.

+ + + Bullion accounts
+ Quarter + June 30, 1895 + + +

October 8, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of October 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 Halves	Dels. 79 & 80	2.00
Total		$2.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted to the following:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + September 1895 + +
+ + + + +

2 D. Eagles	Del. 74	40.00
Total		$40.00

over.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

October, 1895.

2 Halves	Del. 36	1.00
	Total	$1.00

October 8, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of yesterday asking for a statement showing the denominations and value of proof coins sold during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1894, I have to state that the letter should read for June 30th, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1895.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram Confirmed.

Pay loss on shipment number seven in September Quarter from Contingent fund less value of grains and fluxes recovered.

Form one ninety three for September must show loss and transfer amount from subsidiary account to act of ninety same as you did in June.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 85 for $109.36 being on account of Sale of Old Material, Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 30th ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt. In future please have a certificate made for each account.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco.

C. D. No. 85 for $196.59 + Sale of By-products Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, + 30th ult. + + No personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt. In future + certificates +

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis.

C. D. No. 1209 for $26.00 + Special Assays, Dr. endg. Sept 30, 1895 + 5th inst. + + No personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt. One certificate for each account please.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis.

C. D. No 1209 for $16.22 + Value D. M. Room grains, Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895 + 5th inst. + + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt. In future + a certificate +

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis.

C. D. 1209 for $34.53 + Melting, Assaying + Stamping Chgs., Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895 + 5th inst. + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt. In future +

October 8, 1895.

Mr. Carl Scharff,
Editor, New Yorker Handels-Zeitung,
No. 38 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In answer to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 7th instant, I would say, that the item of 2,400 Kilograms, estimated to be the industrial consumption of gold in countries of the World other than the United States, France, Sweden, Netherlands, England, Germany Switzerland, Belgium, Austria Hungary and Russia, has reference only to "civilized countries." That item was borrowed from an estimate made by Dr. Soetbeer, of the industrial consumption of such countries in 1885. It is doubtless larger at the present time, but this Bureau not having any data to show the increase since then, has contented itself

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with inserting in the table to be found on page 53 of the Report of the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States in 1893, the amount estimated for 1885 by Dr. Soetbeer.

Dr. Soetbeer did not include under the head of "civilized countries" either India, China or Japan, and these 2,400 kilograms do not include the industrial consumption in these countries.

The people of India are much given to the use and wearing of gold ornaments, but such ornaments as are there worn were manufactured from gold imported into that country in years long past, and not from gold newly produced. China also consumes gold in the industrial arts but there are absolutely no figures to show how much the industrial consumption of the precious metals in that country is. The same may be said at present of Japan.

The total industrial consumption of gold in the World was estimated in 1890 by Dr. Soetbeer at between 100,000 to 120,000 kilograms of fine gold. Professor Lexis of Goettingen claims that it does not amount to over 100,000 kilograms. The statistics of the industrial consumption of the precious metals are at best in a very unsatisfactory state. This Bureau is now endeavoring to collect those statistics through the representatives of the United States in the various countries, but it will certainly be some years before it will have secured information on the subject sufficient to reach anything like satisfactory results in this matter.

The consumption in the industrial arts as estimated by this Bureau of gold

and silver, embraces only the gold and silver newly produced and not old material so employed, whether derived from coins or from gold and silver ware.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-three Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-five $\frac{27}{100}$ Dollars ($53,675.27) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars ($425.53) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-four Thousand One Hundred and $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars ($54,100.80), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 15, dated Oct. 4, 1895 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:-

+ + Mint at Denver +
Mint at Philadelphia + Two Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-nine $\frac{60}{100}$ + ($2,449.60)
+ Fourteen $\frac{29}{100}$ + ($14.29) + total of Two Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-three $\frac{89}{100}$ + ($2,463.89)

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+ Bullion + Assayer in charge +
+ Mint at Denver + Memorandum No 15½
+ Sept. 30, 1895, + at said Mint.

+ + Assay Office at Charlotte
+ Mint at Philadelphia + Twenty-nine Thousand Three Hundred and Eleven $\frac{94}{100}$ +
($29,311.94) + Fifty-five $\frac{45}{100}$ + ($55.45) +
+ total of Twenty-nine Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-seven $\frac{39}{100}$ + ($29,367.39)
+ Bullion + Assayer in charge +
+ Assay Office at Charlotte + Memorandum No. 9 dated Oct. 4, 1895 + + +

October 9, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages & Contingent Expense of the Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver, Colo, for the month ending August 31, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Account sent Sept. 4, 1895.
" recd " 7, 1895.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + Salary, Wages & Contingent
Expense + Assayer in charge +
U. S. Assay Office + Helena, Mont.
+ Month + August 1895 + +
Note certificate on abstract.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 15, dated Oct. 4, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 15, dated Sept. 30, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be, $54,247.46; charges $146.66, and net value $54,100.80. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:-

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Deposit Memorandum No. 15½ + Oct. 4, 1895,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No 15½
+ Sept 30, 1895 + + +
$2,463.89; — + $2463.89.
+ + + +

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Deposit Memorandum No. 9, + Oct. 4, 1895
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9
+ Sept. 30, 1895 + + +
$29,436.10; + $68.71 + $29,367.37.
+ + + +

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October 9, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Salary, Wages & Contingent expense accounts for the month ending August 31, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

+ + + Salary, Wages + Contingent expense + month + August 31, 1895 + my approval, except Vouchers 12 and 25 Water bills, which are so carelessly made up as to prevent verification, I therefore recommend their suspension. I regret to notice that your bills for supplies are not generally made up with sufficient detail, to admit of easy examination, and will thank you to see that they are more carefully made up.

October 9, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution, during the Month of October, 1895,

has been approved for the sum of $731.70, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1896	$231.70
Wages of Workmen,	1896	
Contingent Expenses,	1896	500.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

October 9, 1895.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages and Contingent Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending Sept. 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

October 9, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Stationery division, Treasury Department for Stationery, shipped you on the 15th of August, 1895, amounting to $42.70, payable

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from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1896.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + the Stationery division, Treasury Department for Stationery shipped you on the 15th of August 1895, + to $37.52 + + appropriation for Contingent + fiscal year 1896.

G. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

+ + + the Stationery division Treasury Department + Stationery + 14th of August 1895, + $26.86 + appropriation for Contingent Expenses + 1896.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

+ + the Stationery division Treasury Department + Stationery + 12th of August 1895, + $2.64 + + Contingent Expenses + fiscal year 1896.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

+ + the Stationery division Treasury Department for Stationery shipped

you on the 16th of August 1895 + $16.37
+ appropriations for Wages and Contingent
Expenses + fiscal year 1896.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + the Stationery division
Treasury Department + Stationery +
13th of August 1895, + $1.44 payable
+ Wages and Contingent + fiscal year 1896.

October 9, 1895.

Telegram Confirmed.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Missouri.

You are authorized to close your office on Thursday the tenth instant.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1895.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Forty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars ($48,815.82) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Fifty-nine $\frac{71}{100}$ Dollars ($459.71) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-five $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars ($49,275.53) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded

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by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 12, dated Oct. 5, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:-

+ + + Assay Office at Boise + Mint at Philadelphia + Thirty-three Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{59}{100}$ Dollars ($33,225.59) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and Sixty-one $\frac{71}{100}$ + ($261.71) + total of Thirty-three Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-seven $\frac{30}{100}$ + ($33,487.30) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Boise + Memorandum No. 14 + Oct. 7, 1895 + +

October 10, 1895.

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 12, dated Oct. 5, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 12, dated Sept. 30, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $49,401.79; charges $126.26, and net value $49,275.53. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 14 + Oct. 7, 1895,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 14
+ Sept. 30, 1895, + + +
$33,573.45; + $86.15, + $33,487.30.
+ + + + +

October 10, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of October, 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Half Dollars	Del. 81	1.00
	Total	$1.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + +

2 D. Eagles	Del. 75	40.00
	Total	$40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.
New Orleans, La.

+ + + + +

2 Half Dollars	Del. 81	1.00
	Total	$1.00

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to:-

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.
+ + Salary, Wages, Contingent and Refinery expense + Month + September 30, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.
+ + Salaray, Wages Contingent and Refinery expense + Month + Sept. 30, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.
+ + Salary Wages and Contingent expense + Month + Sept. 30, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.
+ + Salary + Contingent Expense (including labor) + Month + September 30, 1895.

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The Mine and Quarry News Bureau,
169 La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois,

Sirs:-

I have to reply to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 7th instant, as follows:-

Mint of the U. S.	Philadelphia, Pa.,	Herman Kretz, Superintendent
" " " "	San Francisco, Cal.,	John Daggett, "
" " " "	New Orleans, La.,	Overton Cade "
" " " "	Carson, Nevada,	J. W. Adams "
U. S. Assay Office,	New York, N. Y.,	Andrew Mason "
Mint of the U. S.,	Denver, Colo.,	W. J. Puckett, Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,	Helena, Mont.,	E. B. Braden, " " "
" " "	Boise, Idaho,	F. F. Church, " " "
" " "	Charlotte, N. C.,	W. E. Ardrey " " "
" " "	St. Louis, Mo.	Guy Bryan " " "

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1895.

Dudley H. Stowe, Esq.,
Materan, West Virginia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, enclosing a torn one-dollar silver certificate has been received and the same referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy Thousand Six Hundred and Five $\frac{07}{100}$ Dollars ($70,605.07) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Fifty-eight $\frac{54}{100}$ Dollars ($358.54) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-three $\frac{61}{100}$ Dollars ($70,963.61), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 16, dated Aug. 9, 1895, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 16 dated Oct. 9, 1895, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 16 dated Oct. 5, 1895, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $71,141.67; charges $178.06, and net value $70,963.61. For the latter amount a transfer has been re-

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quested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt., Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:-

C.D. No. 8900 for $36,350.00, being on account of Minor Coinage Profits, inclosed in your communication of the 10th, inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

October 11, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please furnish me with the value of the 50 gold, 151 silver and 378 bronze medals reported to have been sold during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1895, (See page 14 annual report 1894).

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed.

William Martin Aiken,
Supervising Architect,
San Francisco, California.

No not at present.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1895.

Samuel R. Russel,
No 1828 Park Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 9th instant, with enclosures received, and the same will be duly considered.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Date a/c forwarded July 19, 1895.
" " received " 22, 1895.

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October 12, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bullion account for the Quarter ending June 30, 1895, with my approval.

Yours respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of October 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Half Dollars	Del. 82	1.00
	Total	$1.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted to:-

John Daggett Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 76	40.00
	Total	$40.00

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Salary, Wages, Contingent, Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending September 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter, except as noted, to:-
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.
Salary & Contingent Expense (including labor) month September 30, 1895.

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Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:-

I return herewith your tabulated statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1895 for correction. You have reduced your expenditures on account of "Contingent Expenses" by eight dollars and eighty cents ($8.80) and the expenditures for "Wages of Workmen" thirty-two dollars and fifty cents ($32.50), the same being the amounts for which your Contingent and Wages appropriations were reimbursed from the appropriations of the independent

Treasury on account of repairs for counting boards for the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia made by you.

Your statement of expenditures on account of "Contingent Expenses" should therefore be increased $8.80 and the expenditures on account of "Wages of Workmen" $32.50. You will please correct and return the statement without delay.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1895.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Herewith returned for correction please find your Tabulated Statement of expenditures for the fiscal year 1895. You should charge your Refinery Appropriation with the sum of $1,171.77 on account of Wastage of the operative officers and with $412.54 on account of Loss on sale of sweeps. This will make your expenditures $2,621.86, from this appropriation, instead of $1,037.55 as entered by you.

In addition to the bills paid at the Department the following must also be entered: Under Advertisement for Supplies $42.00. Under Sundries $28.42. Under Telegraphing .25¢ and under Telephone $25.00 on account of bills paid at the Department. This will increase your contingent expenditures

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by the sum of $95.67. Please make corrections and return at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1895.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram Confirmed

Treasurer will authorize payment of transfer order in quarters. Coin no dimes without specific instructions from this Bureau. Coin bullion on hand available for subsidiary silver into halves and quarters as rapidly as possible.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint

October 12, 1895.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

Enclosed please find your Tabulated Statement returned for correction. You will observe that the amount paid from Parting & Refining is $7,973.59 for Contingent Expenses and $5,822.00 for Wages instead of as entered by you.

The amount paid from Contingent Expenses as shown by the books of this Office is $6,690.30 paid by yourself and the following bills paid by the Department: Under the head of Freight $45.00, $47.17, 143.03, 11.21, 47.12, 37.50, and 82.77, under the head of Stationery $68.36 and under the head of Sundries $80.95 paid to N. R. Harris,

and $199.79 paid to J. A. Walker, making a total of $756.58.

I will thank you to have the statement made up to correspond herewith and return same at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

October 12, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 11th instant, I return herewith the proposal of A. E. Griffiths to furnish your office with his "Improved Master Breaker Crusher and Pulverizing Mill", which was omitted to be returned in my letter of June 11th, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1895.

O. B. Gunn, Esq.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:-

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your book, "Bullion vs. Coin" received a few days since, and which I shall read at my earliest opportunity.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint

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C. P. Goss, Esq.,
Scovill Mfg. Company,
Waterbury, Conn.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant, received, and I am pleased to hear that you are making good progress with the medals. We are receiving daily inquiries from parties entitled to medals requesting to be informed as to when they will receive the same. I would be glad if you will inform this Bureau when they will probably be completed in order that we may answer the numerous inquiries.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1895.

John W. Hess, Esq.,
Manager, Ore & Hess Mfg. Co.,
No 1518 Spring Garden Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has returned me your bill for eleven bronze boxes for rolling mill, furnished the Mint under date of July 12th, 1893. I find upon examination of the bill that the boxes are charged for at the average price of a bill rendered September 27th, 1890.

I will thank you to furnish me with a copy of the order of the Superintendent of the Mint for these boxes.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. W. Tabor, Esq.,
Brown's Palace Hotel.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th instant has been received and the same will have due consideration.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1895.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of the 26th ultimo, relative to the melting and assaying, Quarterly, of the filings and dust belonging to the Coiner's Department, I will say that it was not my intention that these amounts should be entered in your Bullion Accounts, Quarterly. My desire is to have the bullion obtained from the filings, etc., turned over to the Melter & Refiner, Quarterly and treated the same on your office books as any other transfer of bullion between the Operative Officers, during the year.

The Coiner's wastage or loss, should be taken up in your Bullion Accounts at the end of the year only.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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October 14, 1895.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Denver.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1895.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters to the following:

E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Helena.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Boise.

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Boise.

Sir:

C. D. No. 2130 for $517.59, being on account of Melting, Assaying & Stamping Chgs. Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 8th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address: over.

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C. D. No 2131 for $150.97 + Value of D. M. Room Sweeps Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895 + + 8th inst. + + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No 2132 for $383.50 + Special Bullion Assays, Dr. endg. Sept 30, 1895, + + 8th inst. + no personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

October 14, 1895.

J. S. Cohen, Esq.,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise you that the Annual Report for 1895, has not yet been published, but as soon as ready for distribution, a copy will be sent, as requested, to Mr. W. G. Brantley, Brunswick, Georgia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1895.

A. V. Howe, Esq.,
Tallapoosa, Ga.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 27th ultimo, to the Hon. John W. Maddox, has been referred to this Bureau for reply, and I have to state that the total amount of gold received at the Mints of the United States

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from Georgia and Alabama from July 1st. 1865 to July 1st. 1895 was as follows:-

Georgia	$2,343,981.00
Alabama	47,434.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1895.

Mr. Shinchiro Kurino,
E. E. and Minister Plenipotentiary
No 1310 N Street, N.W.

Sir:-

The manufacturers of the medal of award of the World's Columbian Exposition find the following names of exhibitors from the Japanese Empire that are too long to admit of insertion on the medal, which will admit of but thirty-two letters.

I would be pleased if you will kindly furnish this Bureau with the permissible abbreviations of the same. The names are as follows: Chokichi Yamamoto, Seisaku Shimmo and Kichibei Tsukamoto, Rokuroyemon Omura, Yenichiro Nakamura and Heikichi Fujita.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1895.

B. F. Schmid, Esq.,
General Chair Company,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant to the Comptroller

of the Currency has been referred to this Bureau.

The edition of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1894, is exhausted and that for 1895 has not yet been printed.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1895.

Francis Wright, & Co.
36 Vesey Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your request of the 12th instant, I enclose herewith a statement showing the coinage executed at the Mints of the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1895.

In a few days I shall probably be able to send you a pamphlet containing the total coinage from 1792 to the present year, which will give you the information you desire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1895.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages, Contingent Refinery & Storage of Silver Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S.

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Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. for the month ending September 30, 1895, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross
Acting Director.

Account sent Oct. 10, 1895,
" rec'd " 11, 1895.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

+ + + Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery Expense + Superintendent + Mint at New Orleans + month + September 30 1895 + + + account sent Oct. 8, 1895, + " rec'd " 10, 1895.

+ + + Salary, Wages, Contingent & Refinery Expense + Superintendent + Assay Office at New York City + month + September 30, 1895 + + + account sent Oct. 9th 1895, + " rec'd " 10th, 1895.

October 15, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for the examination and settlement, the Salary, Wages, Contingent, Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending September 30, 1895, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Act'g Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as noted, to the

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

+	+	+	Salary, Wages,
Contingent + Refinery Expense			+ Month
+	September 30, 1895	+	+

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt., U.S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

+	+	+	Salary, Wages,
Contingent + Refinery Expense			+ Month
+	September 30, 1895,	+	+

October 15, 1895.

Herman Kretz, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of October 1895, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	, Del. 84	, .50
4 D. Eagles	, " 92 + 93	, 80.00
Total		, $80.50

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler, Actg Director, Mint

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+
2 D. Eagles	, Del. 77	,	40.00
Total		,	$40.00

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

4 Halves	Dels. 38 + 39	2.00
	Total	$2.00

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 107 for $6927.59 being on account of Parting and Refining Chgs. Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 9th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Respectfully yours,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 108 for $504.59 + Parting + Refining Chgs. (Carson Bullion) Dr. endg. Sept 30, 95 + 9th inst + + personal credit + bullion + credit of appropriation + parting + refining bullion.

C. D. No 109 for $14.44 + Alloy Charges, (Carson bullion) Dr. endg. Sept. 30, 1895 + + 9th inst. + + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

over.

C. D. No 110 for $706.56 + Alloy Charges
Qr. endg Sept. 30, 1895 + + 9th inst.
+ + personal credit + bullion
+ + as a miscellaneous receipt.

October 15, 1895.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Charlotte.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1895.

Very respectfully,
B. F. Butler,
Acting Director.

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